

Ricordo di Gianluca Spina

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Dear colleagues I would like to share with you some thoughts about my personal experience about Gianluca. As you know I joined this community about 10 year ago thanks to the established relationship with my Padova, Udine and Bari colleagues and friends.

So I did not know Gianluca from before and I had no chance to collaborate with him from a scientific point of view even if I knew his outstanding research contribution.

Because we both used to work in the Operations Management field, Gianluca was the first person with whom I had the opportunity to collaborate within the big Milano's community.

What really surprised me at the beginning of our relationship was how Gianluca was immediately open to my contribution. We immediately developed a strong collaboration. He was extremely stimulating for me, and he allowed me to feel immediately part of this big family. He strongly supported Palermo as a venue of the Association annual meeting in 2008.

Gianluca strongly recommended for having my contribution in the board of the Association and during his Presidency we strictly worked together in many issues concerning the development of AiIG and other OM community such as EurOMA.

My experience with Gianluca is of a wonderful person really opened to contribution of new persons like me. A leader able to motivate people, stimulating them to provide their best effort for the common interest, a person with an inclusive and open mind vision.

During the following year I developed a deeper knowledge about him; I had the opportunity to appreciate his strategic vision, loyalty, trustiness, never ending energy, but also his sense of humor and his passion for sport and outdoor activities. I cannot forget how last year in Bressanone's social dinner he kept us talking about his new passion for golf. I always consider golf as a boring sport, but he was so passionate, so enthusiastic that I thought to review my position on this sport. I will never forget the strong support, continuous encouragement, useful advises he gave us for the organization of the EurOMA conference in Palermo last year and how he was delightful of the good appreciation the OM Italian community received by this event.

Dear colleagues we are a small and growing community in Palermo and I can say, on behalf of all my colleagues, that Gianluca was a reference person for all of us, that we all owe a lot to him and all of us are missing him a lot. Thanks so much Gianluca.