

Ricordo di Gianluca Spina

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My first memories of Luca date back to early nineties in Bressanone, where we young post docs and research fellows gathered to attend the Management & Engineering Summer School. I still have a vivid memory of a question Luca made at the end of a lecture. A full professor's question, we joked, but where one can already perceive some distinctive personalities of Luca: leadership and clear ideas.

*Our friendship blossomed and strengthened during the organization of EurOMA Conference in Venice in 1999. Working closely and together for more than one year, eventually we found in each other trustful friends. Since then, he started to call me dearly and shortly *Vino*. Organizing the Conference it was also for me the occasion to appreciate some other Luca's distinguishing characteristics: precision for operative details and strategic view.*

Then the EurOMA Board time come. For 6 years, while we sat on the Board, our traditional appointment was the beers drank together at the Brussel airport before taking our flights back home. There it was the time dedicated to our families and us. Luca's love to his family, his pride and tenderness in telling about his children and wife are always in my mind.

My mind is also full of many happy and cheerful times spent together during national and international Conferences. Last was in Palermo, at the EurOMA Conference in June 2014. After a full day of sessions, Luca came to my hotel, and just the two of us walked and talked, visiting Palermo, for a couple of hours before the Gala dinner. As always in these cases, I completely relied on Luca. Luca was always equipped with a guide and fully prepared on where to go and what to see! His intellectual curiosity, genuine passion and boundless energy were something impressive too.

*I really enjoyed our dear friendship. I miss Luca so much. I just regret to have failed the last opportunity to meet him. Because of my knee injury, I missed the Italian Management & Engineering Association Board meeting on the last 17th of February in Milan. On that occasion, Luca said to Pietro: "Tell *Vino* to slow down skiing, tell him he is not young anymore", and his joking and affectionate farewell words to me are in my heart.*