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Prof. Yoav Sarig earned a PhD in Ag. Engineering in 1976 from the Michigan State University and has become a worldwide leader in mechanical harvesting. His work has focused on fruit and nut interaction with harvesting machines. He has been Director of The Institute of Agricultural Engineering in Israel.

The recipient of many awards and patents, Prof. Sarig has done collaborative work on mechanical harvesting and Agricultural Bioengineering in California, Japan and China and since 2005, he has been a Consultant of International Agro-Business in Israel.

He has worked on many aspects of harvesting including harvest of dwarf tree orchards; apple, grapefruit and vegetable damage during mechanical harvesting and novel technologies to yield fresh and processed products extracted from pomegranate fruits.

In 2006, he was awarded the prestigious Namir Prize for his work in developing an apparatus for the separation of pomegranate seeds, which also won the [ASABE](#)'s AE50 Award in 2007.

In recognition of his professional achievements, he was named an ASABE Fellow in 2010.

His son Ido Sarig

The famous SIMPOSIO INTERNAZIONALE Bologna, Nov.1987 became a basis for the foundation of the Club of Bologna (1989).

Both personalities – Richard Hegg (USA) and Yoav Sarig (Israel) had been invited speakers. They presented outstanding visions for ag mechanization from two typical but different standpoints.

At that time, the Club of Rome seemed to underevaluate the future role of ag. mechanization, mainly regarding its key importance for elevating poor countries to a human level of welfare.

At the end of the 1987 SYMPOSIO a small group of ag engineers had the idea of a new club focusing on this global issue.

Giuseppe Pellizzi and UNACOMA became the main promoter, but Richard Hegg and Joav Sarig have also been within this group.

They both gave important inputs to the Club's foundation, its development and its important international network for many years. The Club of Bologna family will not forget them.