

## Who is Prof. Dr. Eng. Dr. h.c. Giuseppe Pellizzi ?

**G**iuseppe Pellizzi (1928-2012) has been a central figure in the history of Agricultural Mechanization and his charismatic personality characterized, by enthusiasm, intelligence and determination, made him a reference figure at international level.

After graduating in Engineering at the Milan Polytechnic University, he started work in 1953 as Assistant Professor in the "Agricultural Machinery Department" at the University of Milan, passing through all stages of the academic career ladder to become a Full Professor in 1968. Director of the Institute of Agricultural Engineering from 1964 to 1995, he was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor in 1999.

He had innumerable scientific and research interests, ranging from theoretical and experimental studies on tractors and processing machinery through to the definition of models for the rationalization of mechanization and optimization of work organization.

Promoting and encouraging large-scale projects that has always coordinated with uncommon energy and organizational capacity, in the second half of the '70s Giuseppe Pellizzi was scientific Director of a five-year national project of the Italian Research Council aimed at the development of agricultural mechanization which gave brilliant results in terms of machinery innovation.

Following the initial energy crisis of 1973, he was the first to understand the importance of a new approach to energy supply in agriculture, promoting and developing greater attention of the agricultural engineering world on the study of renewable energy sources.

As a strong supporter of the concept that advanced research is strictly related to the exchange of ideas, he always paid particular attention to internationalization and to relations among the most qualified research centers in the world. Due to his professionalism and outstanding ability to promote world-wide networks Giuseppe Pellizzi has left a deep mark on international Agricultural Engineering community.

In 1989, supported by FEDERUNACOMA, he founded the "*Club of Bologna*", an esteemed association that brings together the leading world experts on agricultural mechanization, that under his leadership has become the most important worldwide think-tank in the area of agricultural machinery and mechanization.

From 1991 to 1994, Giuseppe Pellizzi was the Chairman of the "*International Commission of Agricultural Engineering (CIGR)*" which appointed him as Honorary Chairman as recognition of the particularly effective nature of his mandate. He was co-founder of the "*European Community Club of Advanced Engineering in Agriculture (ECCAEA)*", a division of the "*European Society of Agricultural Engineers (EurAgEng)*", of which Giuseppe Pellizzi was also co-founder in 1992.

He was a fellow of many other national and international scientific societies and academies: member of the Academic Steering Committee (1990-2008) of the "*Accademia dei Georgofili*", President and Honorary President of the "*Commission Internationale de l'Organisation Scientifique du Travail en Agriculture (CIOSTA)*", member of the "*Accademie d'Agriculture de France*", and the "*Russian Academy of Agricultural Science*". He was also a senior adviser to Italian Ministries, FAO, UNIDO, European Union, National Research Council (CNR) and other organizations.

With the blend of a deep overview knowledge, imagination, visionary work proposals, winning organizational skills, impressive full assertiveness and sociability, Giuseppe Pellizzi achieved outstanding results that have been recognized during his remarkable career: "*Gold Medal of the Italian Minister of Science*" (1978), "*Marchi Foundation Award*" (1981), "*Philip Morris International Award*" (1990), "*France Chevalier du Merite Agricole*" (1992), "*Dr. H.C. University Godollo*" (1993), "*ASAE-Kishida International Award*" (1997), "*CIGR-UNACOMA International Award*" (1998), "*Dr. H.C. University of Ancona*" (1998), "*DLG International Award*" (1999), "*Accademia dei Georgofili International Award*" (2003).

