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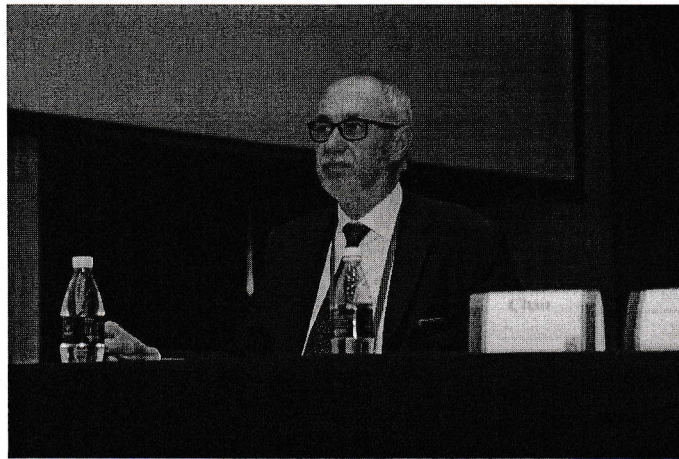
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Celebrating the life of Prof. Giovanni Solari



(Photo of Prof. Giovanni Solari in Chongqing, China on Oct. 19th, 2018)

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Dear Prof. Federco Delfino, Rector of the University of Genova, and Prof. Giorgio Roth, Dean of the Polytechnic School of Engineering and Architecture,

Please allow me to express our great sadness at the news of the sudden passing of Prof.

Giovanni Solari on behalf of the Representative Office in Germany of China Association for International Exchanges of Personnel, and myself. The sudden passing of Prof. Giovanni Solari was such a great shock to us. Please deliver our sincere regards and condolences to his family!

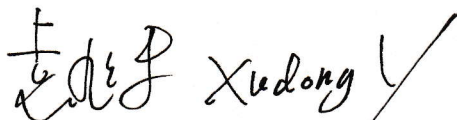
Prof. Giovanni Solari was well recognized in China as one of the founding members of the International Association for Wind Engineering (IAWE). He was an example of scientific integrity, curiosity and human kindness. His remarkable contributions in the field of structural wind engineering were reflected in his international reputation as well as his countless awards and honors around the globe. His love of science, deep-insight, and ability to bring high quality people together had always been his hallmarks and would be remembered by all his friends and colleagues.

Prof. Giovanni Solari had cooperated with many Chinese universities and research institutions, including Chongqing University, Beijing Jiaotong University, Tongji University, Central South China University, Southwest Jiaotong University, Shijiazhuang Railway University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, etc. He warmly welcomed many Chinese scholars and graduate students to visit/study at the European Union Research Center that he directed. He has also contributed enormously to the study of thunderstorms in China. He coauthored with Chinese researchers on many top-level journal papers. Even more, he was remembered by his great efforts to protect the benefits of the Chinese Wind Engineering Community when we first joined IAWE in 2005 and his kind help to promote the friendship and cooperation between China and the world He was a real friend to China.

I believe his exemplary career path and his contributions to international wind engineering community will serve as an inspiration to researchers and students who were fortunate enough to have benefitted from his leadership. His legacy will serve as motivation for generations to come.

May we all be fortified by our heart-warming memories of Professor Giovanni Solari and the example of excellence he embodies!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuan Xudong', with a long diagonal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Yuan Xudong

Chief Representative

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