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Obituary: Cinzia Tiberi



All those who have submitted papers to the Journal of Hypertension for the last twenty-two years, and all those who have been contacted to review papers for it, the majority – I think – of the readers of the Journal of Hypertension have had numerous chances of corresponding with Cinzia and know how heavily she has contributed to the spreading of knowledge on hypertension.

Since 1995 she was the thread connecting the members of the Editorial Office in Milan. She was the liaison between the Editor in Milan and the Publisher in London and she was the reference point for all those corresponding with the Journal. She knew how to combine effectiveness with kindness, firmness with friendliness, urgency with leisure. She had

met most of the protagonists of hypertension research in person as she had been responsible for the organization of the scientific programme of all the European Meetings on Hypertension held in Milan since the first one in 1983, and attended all these meetings providing help, wisdom and a smile.

Cinzia was fluent in foreign languages, particularly English and Spanish, the latter learnt at high school and college in Lima, Peru, when her father was director of an Italian bank there. Back in Italy, she gained a university degree in foreign languages in Milan, and in 1981 joined the staff of the Centro di Fisiologia Clinica e Ipertensione to help us organize the 1981 Meeting of the International Society of Hypertension in Milan.

She soon became an invaluable collaborator and in 1995 took charge of running the Editorial Office of the Journal of Hypertension in Milan, a job she continued tirelessly until Spring 2016 when she started another struggle, this time against illness, with the same determination, trust and optimism that she had used in her work for hypertension. She did not deserve to lose this battle but unfortunately she eventually did, and passed away on the 17th of July 2017.

With Cinzia, all of us, the group of the Editorial Office in Milan, have lost more than just one of us, we have lost the best part of us. We worked with Cinzia for many years and there is no risk we will forget her and her help, but we would like the ISH members consulting their Journal papers from 1995 to 2016 to be aware of how much of that huge body of information and knowledge is the result of Cinzia's silent but heartfelt work.

- Alberto Zanchetti