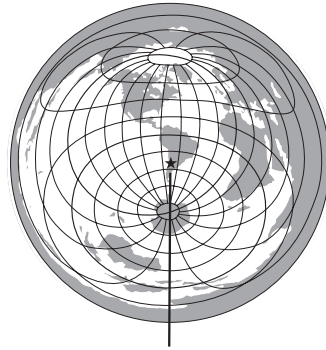


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Obituary for Giuliano Rodolfi

The untimely and sudden death of Giuliano Rodolfi on 18. November 2015 has robbed the community of Geomorphologists, Geologists, Soil Scientists, and Geoarcheologists of a distinguished scholar and outstanding researcher as well as a beloved teacher, colleague and friend.

Giuliano Rodolfi was born in San Piero, Florence, on the 29.09.1939. After finishing in 1966 his studies of geology at Florence University and became high school teacher from 1967-1974, where he developed his excellent didactic skills. Thereafter, in 1974 he was nominated researcher at the National Research Institute for Soil Studies and Conservation of the Ministry for Agriculture and Forests in Florence. He was the responsible researcher for the experimental site in Fagna (Scarperia, Florence) and part of the Pedogenesis, Soil classification and Soil Cartography Section.

Since 1979 he taught at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Florence University courses and seminars in mineralogy and geology and since 1981 in geomorphology of the tropics and subtropics. In 1988 he was called as Associated Professor for Lithology and Geomorphology of the Tropics and Subtropics at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Florence University. In the following years, he was also appointed lecturer for Physical Geography and Applied Geology at the Italian Institute for Military Geography (1993-2000), lecturer for Geomorphology at Pisa University (1994-1996) as well as lecturer for Photointerpretation and Remote Sensing at the Agronomic Institute for Overseas, Florence (1995-2013). In 1999 he was nominated Chair and Ordinary Professor for Physical Geography and Geomorphology. Giuliano Rodolfi retired in 2009.

As one of the leading Italian geomorphologist he published more than 150 national and international scientific publications on a broad variety of aspects including soil and geomorphological cartography, soil conservation and land evaluation as well as environmental impact studies of larger infrastructures. The main focus of his work was dedicated to soil-landscape relations and processes. He was author of books and chapters in international journals like “Environmental Geomorphology”, “Geomorphological Hazards” (ed. Elsevier, Amsterdam) or “Environmental Change and Geomorphic Hazards in Forests” (ed. CABI Publishing, Vienna). Moreover, he was co-author of an Italian introduction to soil science (“Il suolo - Pedologia nelle Scienze della Terra e nella Valutazione del Territorio”, ed. Nuova Italia Scientifica). He also worked as reviewer for several scientific journals and was part of the advisory board of French “Géomorphologie” and the Rumanian “Analele Universitatii Spiru Haret Bucuresti” as well as several Latin American Journals.

Giuliano Rodolfi participated in several national and international projects. He was coordinator of three mayor national projects (PRIN) on soil erosion in the Mediterranean (2004-2009) and local coordinator of larger EU projects (1997-2001) entitled “Integrated Water Resources Management System (IWRMS)” focusing on Southern Africa, and “Applied Remote Sensing and GIS Integration for Model Parameterization (ARSGISIP)” concentrating on the Mediterranean and Central Europe.

Apart of his near local and regional European research interests, Giuliano Rodolfi conducted also several scientific expeditions and journeys with geomorphological focus to Africa, South America, Australia and Asia. Especially in the last years, he organized international collaborations with the National University of Chile and with the Ethiopian Institute for Water Resources in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Nonetheless, his international scientific activity he always was very concerned about environmental issues in the region he lived in, the Mugello Valley, North of Florence. Hence, one of the last works he finished just last year was dedicated to the Mugello landscape: “Il Mugello e la Sieve – storia antica e moderna di un paesaggio che scompare” (Edizioni del Filo, 2014). His last book is an excellent example for the holistic approach and understanding of landscape Giuliano was teaching us.

For all his scholars it was a great pleasure and a real gift to have the chance to work with Giuliano Rodolfi, who is distinguished by his humility, patience and always was living the enthusiasm for his work. Giuliano Rodolfi is survived by his wife Fiorella and his two daughters, Liliana and Alessandra as well and three grandchild.

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