



Armando Giovannini

Armando was not a common person. He was a great epidemiologist, an excellent scientist and a bright-minded man. But **he was much more than this.**

Armando had the innate capacity to immediately catch the heart of a problem at first glance, just following his stringent logic and solid reasoning. But his way of thinking was never obvious. He was so often able to surprise you, leading you beyond appearance, disclosing new point of views and perspectives, approaching things with a holistic view. But, despite these rare capacities, **he was much more than this.**

Armando loved exploring new solutions to epidemiological problems. His curiosity for new knowledge and applications was never satisfied. He liked to cross different disciplines, searching for innovative answers with the genuine interest of a child. He believed in the contamination among disciplines and his creativity, coupled with his strong knowledge in several different fields, allowed him to immediately see the potential benefits of such fusions. But, although this could be enough to make him so special, **he was much more than this.**

Armando was not only an epidemiologist, a veterinarian. He was a true scientist with a large literary, humanistic and philosophic knowledge. He was able to immerse himself in readings ranging from the Holy Bible to Harry Potter, with the ability to absorb the essence of each. But **he was much more than this.**

Armando was appreciated for his open, sincere, transparent way of speaking, and, like a child, incapable of any real bad thought. He did not like solitude and he was always ready to spend time with others, going out for a convivial dinner or a music concert. His calm approach to the world was very similar to that of his beloved cats. But **he was much more than this.**

Armando was a strong supporter of human rights and freedom. He had no prejudices and respected cultural differences, fascinated by the history, culture and customs of anyone. Apparently lost in his own thoughts, he was perfectly aware of any gesture, word or consideration that could be offensive or disrespectful towards the many professionals and researchers met around the world.

Many considered him a genius, with no peers on a scientific level, but ...

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"eccentric". Probably they have not had enough time to understand that Armando naturally embodied the value of Calvinian "lightness" that is a friend of intelligence, competence, beauty, and disengagement from preconceived opinions.

Aware that it is impossible to find the right words to describe who Armando was, we can just say he was our guide, our older brother and our beloved friend. His eccentric spirit, his words, his ways of saying, the funny jokes we were doing together every day, are permanently present in our lives, and will make him always with us. And we will keep smiling thinking of him.

Armando, we will miss you

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