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Prof. Solimene with Prof. Marco Vitale and Dr. Marcus Coplin at the FEMTEC Congress in 2022

## **A loss of a Giant in Balneology**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Prof. Umberto Solimene. He was a champion of therapeutic mineral water science, culture, and industry. He worked tirelessly as the President of FEMTEC to build bridges not only between the scientific community and the culture of thermal bathing, but truly around the world.

For decades Prof. Solimene fostered the community building of the international Balneology movement, was a dedicated proponent of therapeutic natural mineral water, and was a visionary for the advancement of Balneology, Health Resort Medicine, and Integrative Medicine into the 21st century health care paradigm.

BANA and Prof. Solimene shared a special friendship as he was instrumental in fostering many of our international relationships with other associations, scientists, and mineral water facilities. His passion and vision for 21st century Balneology and Health Resort Medicine are shared by BANA, and we commit to doing our best to see his legacy live on.

For many in North America, our mineral water resources are seen as a piece of history or as a recreational/relaxation opportunity. With respect to Prof. Solimene's work we hope to remind and inspire the hot spring owners and operators, mineral water caretakers and stewards, scientists, healthcare practitioners, and avid soakers of North America of the distinct and unique therapeutic properties of natural mineral water. We are sitting on a tremendous health resource and the bridges that Prof. Solimene worked hard to build around the world remain open to North America.

To our friend and mentor Prof. Umberto Solimene.  
May his memory be eternal.



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