

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR UMBERTO SOLIMENE.

The World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC) has suffered an irretrievable loss, on July 15, 2023, Professor Umberto Solimene, President of FEMTEC, Director of the Center for Medical Bioclimatology, Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine of the University of Milan, Director of the Center for Cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), passed away at the age of 82.

We have lost a true friend, adherent and colleague.

For 16 years, as Secretary General of FEMTEC, Professor Umberto Solimene successfully integrated the world's national associations of climate medicine and hydrotherapy.

With wide-ranging practical experience, high professionalism and huge international authority in 2014, Professor Umberto Solimene was elected President of the World Federation of Water and Climate Medicine (FEMTEC) and has led it for 9 years.

Thanks to his efforts, FEMTEC became the WHO representative for integral medicine.

Umberto Solimene combined his organizational activities with scientific activities and was rightfully one of the leading specialists in the resort business, proved himself to be an energetic, sensitive, wise leader, a kind

and attentive friend, infinitely devoted to the profession, passionate about his business. Umberto Solimene has always expressed an active position in the development of Russian resorts by joint efforts, ensuring the effective interaction of FEMTEC and the National Resort Association, believed that Russia is one of the most advanced countries that have huge development capital in the field of balneology.

Professor Umberto Solimene devoted more than 50 years to spa medicine, was the author of more than 350 publications and 8 monographs.

His life was filled with outstanding achievements and recognition at the international level. Principled, hard work, cheerfulness, and responsiveness have earned Professor Umberto Solimena the well-deserved respect and authority, both at home in Italy and in Russia from colleagues and numerous students.

The National Resort Association, on behalf of the entire professional community of Russia, expresses deep condolences to family members, relatives, and friends of the professor, as well as to all members of FEMTEC.

For all of us, Professor Umberto Solimene will remain an example of a scientist, doctor, director and friend!

Vice President of FEMTEC,
President
of the National Resort Association
Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation

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