Distinguished Italian Physicist Italo Federico Quercia died in June.
After making his mark in cosmic ray physics using the most advanced gas detectors of the time, he courageously turned his attention to the realization of a 1100 MeV electron synchrotron and the foundation of the Frascati National Laboratories, despite the difficulties of those times. The outcome was of great benefit to his country. He was Frascati’s Director for two periods, during the construction of the pioneer AdA electron-positron collider, and later when the ADONE ring began its research programme. For more than thirty years he was a major source of inspiration, urging those who worked with him to think along unconventional lines, and motivating people with his relaxed manner and incomparable humour. For ten years he kept the chair of Nuclear Physics in Catania, and recently was Professor of Energy Studies at Rome.

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