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Round Table Discussion
Wednesday May 31, 2023

Rita Levi-Montalcini 1909-2012: 10 years since her passing

Reflecting on the Spiritual and Scientific Legacy
of Nobel Laureate Rita Levi-Montalcini



Venue address:

MAGI Headquarters
Villa Bertelli-Maestrini
Via Porto San Felice 23/25
San Felice del Benaco
Lake Garda - Brescia



10 Years Later: Reflecting on the Spiritual and Scientific Legacy of Nobel Laureate Rita Levi-Montalcini

Rita Levi-Montalcini, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of the Nerve Growth Factor, or NGF, was an extremely important figure in Italian and world science. Her research revolutionized our understanding of the nervous system, with a significant impact on the field of neuroscience: her work paved the way for new treatments for a range of neurological disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis.

However, her contributions to science did not stop there: in fact, she was also a passionate advocate for science education, against all discrimination. Professor Levi-Montalcini saw science as a way to contribute to society and to promote the betterment of humanity, believing that using her talents and abilities to help others was a moral obligation.

On the 10th anniversary of her passing, we seek to reflect on her spiritual and scientific legacy. In doing so, we aim to present as complete a picture as possible, gathering authentic and partly unpublished testimonies from those who had the honor of knowing her or working with her. This attempt will provide a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of her life and work, as well as the impact she had on the scientific community and beyond.

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09:00

INTRODUCTION

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PERSONAL ASPECTS

- 09:20 Visintini family's memories about Rita Levi-Montalcini
Prof. Giovanna Visintini
Toscolano Studies Center (CST), Toscolano Maderno (BS)
- 09:40 Rita Levi Montalcini and the foundation of MAGI:
Personal unpublished memories
Dr. Matteo Bertelli
President of MAGI Group (MAGI'S LAB and MAGI EUREGIO),
Headquarters in San Felice del Benaco (BS)
- 10:00 The two cultures of Levi-Montalcini sisters
Prof. Pietro Calissano
Co-founder of the European Brain Research Institute
(EBRI Foundation), Rome
- 10:20 Re-reading "In Praise of Imperfection"
Prof. Alberto Cavaglioni
University of Florence
- 10:40 Judaism and Science
Rabbi Mykhaylo Kapustin
Federation of the Jewish Communities of Slovakia



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HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

- 11:00 Rita Levi-Montalcini, Fabio Visintini and Giuseppe Levi:
The start of the long research process on Nerve Growth Factor
Prof. Marco Piccolino
National Institute of Neurosciences, University of Ferrara
- 11:20 Golgi and Cajal: The discovery of the brain cell
Prof. Paolo Mazzarello
Department of Nervous System and Behavioral Sciences and
Chair of the University Museum System, University of Pavia
- 11:40 Ernesto Lugaro and his school
Prof. Giovanni Berlucchi
Professor Emeritus of the Department of Neuroscience, Biomedicine
and Movement, University of Verona
- 12:00 Rita Levi-Montalcini and her relationships with
pharmaceutical companies
Prof. Vittorio A. Sironi
Department of Medicine and Surgery, University of Milan Bicocca and
Director of the Center for the Study of the History of Biomedical
Thought (CESPEB)
- 12:20 Clinical applications of Nerve Growth Factor
Dr. Francesca Malerba
EBRI Foundation - Rita Levi-Montalcini, Rome

LOCATIONS



A - Hotel Duomo

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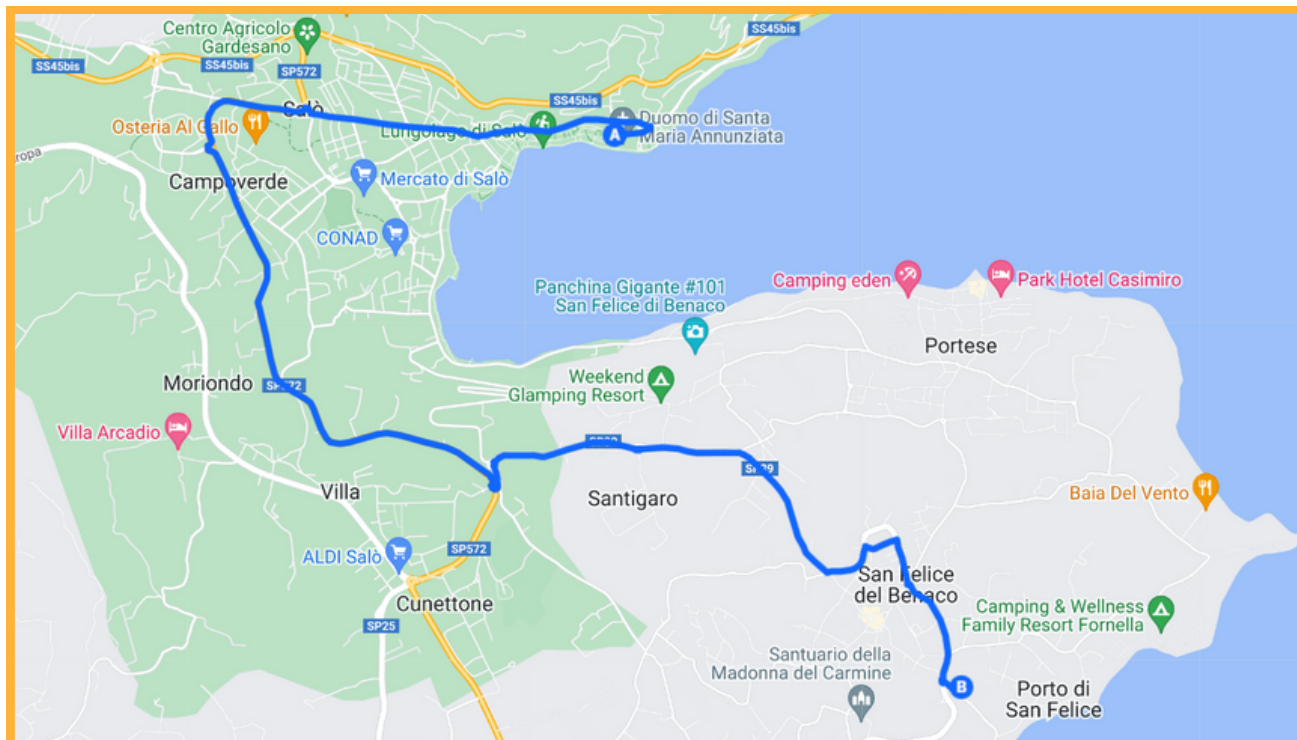
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On the occasion of the Roundtable Discussion, MAGI will provide **a shuttle service for guests** to travel to and from the station, the hotel and the event venue.

To reach the venue, at **MAGI Headquarters**, on **May 31, 2023**, the following timetable is arranged:

- **08:30** - Departure from the Hotel Duomo
- **08:45** - Arrival at the MAGI venue (Villa Bertelli-Maestrini)
- **09:00** - Beginning of the event.

To arrange **transfers to and from your preferred train station** and/or for **any questions or needs**, please contact **Dr. Silvia Gaudenzi (tel.: 348 8402681)**.

