DE GIRONCOLI Franco 1882 Gorizia – 1979 Vienna
Urologist, “Visionnaire” and Poet
He was one of the founders of modern urological science in Italy. He wrote over two hundred monographs, reports and communications. He knew and spoke 4 languages, Italian, German, English and French, but considered his language of the soul the Friulano - Goriziano, a dialect of the Friuli region in the north east of Italy. He had known the Europe of the central empires and the collapse of 2 world wars and he always fought for the universality of urological science and the abolition of borders. After completing his medical training in Vienna in 1917, he worked as an assistant in the hospital (Venice), before specializing in Urology in Vienna in 1923-1924 and in the surgical clinics in Vienna. From 1928 he was an associate professor of Urological Surgery, Padua clinics, and then he was the chief surgeon of the hospital in Treviso. Franco De Gironcoli in 1935 his fame was already international, he was asked a consultation for Aldo Palazzeschi who suffered from calculus, surgeon in Treviso during the war, until 1948, from 1948 to 1953 Chief of Urology in Trieste. Then he was the head of the urologist at the Camerata hospital in Florence for 30 years. Franco de Gironcoli published 420 scientific works, including 6 monographs devoted to questions of surgery of a stomach, tuberculosis of intestines, a total cystectomy at cancer of a bladder, early diagnosis of a nephrophthisis, anomalies of nights, treatments of a hypospadias, injuries of uric ways and to gerontological problems in urology.

In 1934 he founded the magazine Urology, he is his editor-in-chief; this magazine has become the official body of the Italian Society of Urology, the Urology Journal is still alive, entire generations of urologists have published works on its pages.
It is the official organ of the national scientific organizations Società Italiana di Urologia
In 1961 he founded the bibliographic and abstract magazine «Index Urologicus Europeus». We have foreseen the advent of globalization and medical informatics, the importance of citing his works, the possibility that these are all available to all the actors. Works of the entire urologist world have been published in these magazines. In the development of urology the international discussions organized by F. de Gironcoli on pages of the journal of Urology on the most urgent problems of modern urology most urgent problems of modern urology ( “a problem of an early adenomectomy of a prostate, a cystectomy were of great importance at cancer of a bladder, Peyronie's disease, correction of a floor at a hermaphroditism, ratios of urology and nephrology, bladder estrophy.”).

In 1970 he retired in Vienna, together with his wife Helma Brock, writer in Italian, where he founded the Fogolâr de l'Austrie and published the magazine “Fra' Marc d'Avian. Boletin d'informazions del Fogolâr de l'Austrie”. He was one of the great innovators of post-WWII Friulian poetry. He began to poetry in '43. The opera omnia (35 original compositions and 10 translations from Italian, German and Slovenian, as well as the version of the Song of Songs) is gathered in the book Poems in Friulian published by the municipality of Gorizia. Epiphany Award 1973.
His poetic dialect contribution was precious and was also recognized by Da Pierpaolo Pasolini, the great writer and known as international director, , and Da Eugenio Montale, the Nobel Prize winner of Literature
His fervent belief on the need to share medical knowledge, national and international confrontation in the advancement of knowledge make it a current character and I think its poetic sensitivity. He wrote in a precious and ancient Friulian, all his own, which places him in a position perhaps solitary in the context of the Friulian literature. This is musical poetry, refined and fundamentally romantic, which is rediscovered and appreciated even today, confirming the relevance of the message and the example of Franco De Gironzoli.
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Franco DE GIRONCOLI. 1963-1964 presidente Rotary Firenze
Franco De Gironcoli 1968 – 1970 presidente società italiana Urologia