Mario Gerla
1943 - 2019
Unique

• Personality – everybody’s friend; always smiling
• Experience – the history of the Internet
• Researcher – countless different networking topics
• Sportsman – running, cycling, swimming, skiing, sailing, ...
• Attitude – informal to the point of presenting papers in swimming costume and slippers
Exceptional

• Iron man – triathlon

• Marathon

• Swimming
Exceptional

• 69,960 citations
• h-index 119
• ACM Fellow
• IEEE Fellow
• INFOCOM Lifetime Achievement Award
• MILCOM Lifetime Achievement Award
• Over 100 PhD students
A good friend

• First met in 1977
• Published several papers together
• Hosted many of my collaborators at UCLA
• Met many times in Italy and every corner of the world
• Went sailing and skiing
• Experimented first windsurfers together
• Member of the Board of Trustees since 2015

• In Maggi’s words:
  • Mario's service on the IMDEA Board was very special to him. Even in his last few months with us, when it was so extremely difficult for him to travel, he was trying to find a way to join you all in your December meeting. He was concerned that his position on the Board might lapse because of his absences and, anticipating recovery, he wanted to continue contributing to the organization.
  • Please let the group know how passionate Mario was about IMDEA's important initiatives and how much he enjoyed and was stimulated by his work with your colleagues on the Board.
Thanks, Mario

From IMDEA Networks Institute and all its members for all your outstanding support