

430 **Premature death of Professor Gino Marchet – Editorial Board Member of IJPDLM**

It is with extreme sadness that I have to announce that Professor Gino Marchet, former Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management (IJPDLM)*, has recently passed away prematurely following a serious road accident when on his racing bicycle.

Professor Marchet was a Full Professor of Logistics at Politecnico di Milano (Italy), in the Department of Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering. He held the courses in “industrial logistics” and “management of industrial plants” at Politecnico di Milano and was the Director of the “Distribution Logistics” executive course at MIP Politecnico di Milano Business School. He was a Member of the Editorial Board of *Logistica Management*, the official journal of the Italian Logistics Association (AIILOG). As from 2011, he was also the Director of the Observatory for Contract Logistics, a research platform studying the features and trends within the Italian logistics outsourcing market with the support of a broad and highly specialised community. His research mainly covered logistics and warehousing topics, with specific interest in the modelling, design and management of picking solutions. He wrote and contributed to numerous textbooks and academic papers in the field of logistics.

Professor Marchet was a highly awarded Professor and a very well-known professional in the field of logistics in Italy, and he was, above all, a great man, with a very real human touch and wonderful sense of humour, well-liked and appreciated by his students and colleagues. He was my mentor when I first started working in academia and ever since remained my guide and valued colleague. He will be very much missed.

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