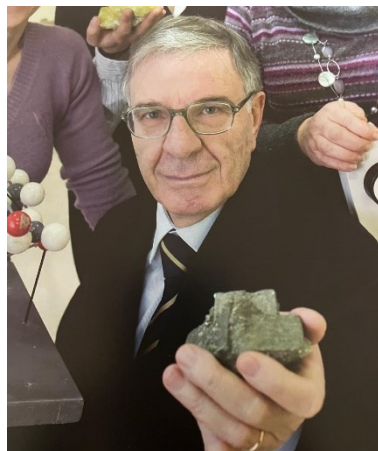




Prof. Filippo Vurro

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It is with great sorrow to inform you that Prof. Filippo Vurro (1940-2024) passed away. He was full professor of Mineralogy at the University "Aldo Moro" of Bari. On the 15th of January, 2024, Filippo had a cerebral hemorrhage and in a few hours he left this earth. I remember him as an intelligent and empathetic person, brilliant, funny, kind and correct who always left a mark on all those who were fortunate enough to collaborate

with him from both a professional and human point of view. Filippo Vurro graduated in Chemistry in 1965, and from the following year he was Director of the Chemical Laboratory of the Air Force of the 3rd Air Region. He was discharged in 1985, with the rank of Colonel of the Aeronautical Engineering. He then became Associate Professor at the University of Bari. He chaired Mineralogy for students of Natural Sciences, Geological Sciences and Science and Technology for the Diagnostics and Conservation of Cultural Heritage. He was among the first to understand the importance of mineralogical applications to non-traditional fields, he greatly contributed to the establishment of the University Diploma in Technician for Diagnostics applied to the Restoration and Conservation of Cultural Heritage, of which he was coordinator from 1999 to 2004. Subsequently, he continued to be the Coordinator of the Course and strongly contributed to its subsequent transformation into a

Qualifying Degree in Restoration of Cultural Heritage. He worked for a long time in the field of volcanic surveillance. As Head of the INGV Research Unit, he pinpointed the importance of mineralogy even in this field, emphasizing the role of fumarolic minerals as geochemical indicators of specific parameters useful for monitoring the activity of active volcanoes. His scientific activity focused on various sectors: systematic and environmental mineralogy studies, fumarolic mineral studies, environmental geochemistry studies, archaeometry investigations. He contributed to the discovery and description of numerous mineralogical species and has a mineral, vurroite, dedicated to him. Filippo, with his intellectual honesty, kindness, professionalism and above all great humanity, is leaving a great void in those who knew him. May the earth be light on you.