

## **Mario Plebani**

Born in Vicenza ( Veneto ) in 1950, Mario Plebani graduated MD in 1975 from the University of Padua, and went on to specialize in Laboratory Medicine and Gastroenterology. His postdoctoral training was performed mainly at the Universities of Padua and Verona, together with a period in Boston at the Department of Laboratory Medicine at Harvard University. In 1994, he was appointed to the Chair of the Department of Laboratory Medicine at the University Hospital of Padua.



### *Research Interests*

Dr Plebani's research has been largely devoted to the application of enzymes to clinical diagnosis, focusing initially on diseases of the gastrointestinal system, but more recently with an emphasis on cancer and heart disease; he has also turned his attention to molecular aspects of enzymology and their integration with gene expression. Quality Assurance has been one of his subsidiary interests, and he has promoted a series of International Conferences on this topic dedicated to his late mentor, Prof. Angelo Burlina, founder of the International Society of Enzymology and its first Vice-President. His work has been recognised by several prizes at International Meetings, including the John King Award of the International Society of Enzymology in 1990.

### *Publications and Offices*

Already, Mario Plebani is co-author of more than 670 papers as well as 53 book chapters, and co-editor of 10 books. He is Associate Editor of *Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences*, and a member of the Editorial Boards of *Clinica Chimica Acta* and *Clinical Biochemistry*. His work in the organising and promotion of international scientific meetings has won much acclaim; to date, he has served as chairperson or co-chair of no fewer than 16 such meetings. He was elected to the Board of the International Society of Enzymology for the first time in 1996, becoming Vice-President in 2000 and President in 2004, a position that he will hold until 2008.