

I'm glad and honoured to participate to the celebration of the 71 birthday of Antonio Laganà, and this a celebration not only of one day, but of many many years of good science and friendship.

We first met some 40 years ago, when I was a student and Antonio came back, as a young researcher, to the Department where he graduated, after a few years of leave spent in teaching (and starting a family). He had left as a brilliant student, and a student protest leader in legendary 68, and the tale was handed down from generation to generation of students. So we, that were very much on the left, were very eager and excited to have back such a renowned leader. But... something happened. Antonio met the true love: first IBM 1620, and then PR1ME, and the old love revolution was abandoned for computational chemistry. We lost a protest leader, and gained a scientist. It was love, and it was infectious: the smartness, the commitment, the enthusiasm that Antonio brought in research were always spread, and shared with his students and his colleagues. He has always been very generous, and has always been of inspiration and motivation to a lot a people, me amongst them. So, this is the right occasion to say Happy Birthday, and also thank you, Antonio.