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### REMEMBERING PROF. HUNGR AND PROF. ROMEO

It is with deep sadness and sorrow that I would like to recall the passing away of Professors Oldrich Hungr and Walter Roberto Romeo. I'm doing so personally and on behalf of all the members of the Editorial Board of this journal IJEGE (Italian Journal of Engineering Geology and Environment), as well as of the Director and personnel of CERI - Centre for Research on Prediction, Prevention and Mitigation of Geological Risks – Sapienza University of Rome).

Both Hungr and Romeo were beloved members of the IJEGE Editorial Board.

Oldrich Hungr, Professor Emeritus of Engineering Geology at UBC in Grenoble, held many seminars and lectures on the study of landslides as part of the CERI-Sapienza 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Master's Degree Course in Analysis and Mitigation of Hydrogeological Risks.

Roberto Romeo, Professor of Engineering Geology at the University of Urbino (Italy), was a scholar of and an expert in earthquakes, focused on the assessment of the related hazards and effects. He delivered seminars and taught in the CERI-Sapienza 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Master's Degree Course in Analysis and Mitigation of Seismic Risks.

The academic community recognised Professor Hungr as a leading landslide scientist. We had the pleasure and privilege of appreciating him both within the IJEGE Editorial Board, to which he gave a significant contribution by raising the value of the scientific production of the journal, and as a teacher in our Master's Degree programmes. We were impressed by his human qualities and pleasantness. In addition to his brilliant lectures and seminars, we fondly remember and will cherish the memory of his bike rides through the streets of Rome, together with his wife.

Already at a young age, Professor Romeo stood out for the high scientific value of his research activities. Apart from his major contribution to the IJEGE Editorial Board, we particularly appreciated his fundamental scientific work, aimed at gaining an improved understanding of earthquake effects. I personally remember his activity first as a student, then as a researcher, and finally as a colleague. We were linked by profound friendship and esteem, developed over many years of research spent together.

Thank you Oldrich and thank you Roberto, for what you shared with the IJEGE Editorial Board, with all of us and with the numerous students of our University.



*Prof. Oldrich Hungr and his wife during a field trip in Southern Italy*



*Prof. Roberto W. Romeo and prof. Alberto Prestininzi during a lunch break*