

## ***In Memoriam: Jorge Canestri (1942-2021)***

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce that Dr. Jorge Canestri has passed away last May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A painful loss for his family, for his friend, for our Editorial Board and for the whole psychoanalytic community.

Canestri was born in Buenos Aires in 1942. After graduating in medicine, he moved to Italy with his family when the political situation in Argentina was dangerously degenerating towards a bloody military dictatorship.

Canestri was a generous colleague, upon whom we could always rely. With his extensive knowledge and his deep commitment, Canestri was such an important part of our editorial team.

Canestri was President of the *European Psychoanalytic Federation* (2016-2020), Chairmn of the *International Psychoanalytic Association* (IPA) Ethics Committee, Chairman of the 2001 IPA Congress in Nice (France), member of the IPA Committee for Theoretical and Empirical Research and Chairman of the IPA New Groups Committee. In 2004 he received the *Sigourney Award*.

He was enormously interested and competent from a cultural perspective in epistemology, neuroscience and linguistics. Many of his papers were translated in different languages.

I had known Canestri since the 1980s. I shared important cultural and scientific initiatives with him, including research on the mechanisms of memory and civil commitment against anti-Semitic prejudice. In this perspective, I had the opportunity to involve Canestri in teaching Mental Health Psychology at the University of Roma Tre, to the great satisfaction of the students, when I directed the Degree Course in Intercultural Education.

His numerous works include *The Babel of the Unconscious: Mother Tongue and Foreign Languages in the Psychoanalytic Dimension* (with Jacqueline Amati Mehler and Simona Argentier), 2003; *The logic of Freudian research* (in Meghnagi D., editor, *Freud and Judaism*, 1993; *Putting Theory to Work: How are Theories Actually Used in Practice?*, 2012; *The Personal Roots of Major Theories of Trauma in Psychoanalysis: An Interview-based Study*, 2021.

Jorge will be deeply missed as a friend, as a scholar and as a generous colleague, both in Italy and abroad.

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