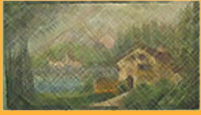


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Round Table Discussion  
Wednesday May 31, 2023

# Rita Levi-Montalcini 1909-2012: 10 years since her passing

Reflecting on the Spiritual and Scientific Legacy  
of Nobel Laureate Rita Levi-Montalcini



**Venue address:**

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## 10 Years Later: Reflecting on the Spiritual and Scientific Legacy of Nobel Laureate Rita Levi-Montalcini

Professor Rita Levi-Montalcini, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of the Nerve Growth Factor (NGF), was an extremely important figure in Italian and world science. Her research revolutionized our understanding of the nervous system, with a significant impact on the field of neuroscience: her work paved the way for new treatments for a range of neurological disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis.

However, her contributions to science did not stop there: in fact, she was also a passionate advocate for science education, against all discrimination. Professor Levi-Montalcini saw science as a way to contribute to society and to promote the betterment of humanity, believing that using her talents and abilities to help others was a moral obligation.

On the 10th anniversary of her passing, we seek to reflect on her spiritual and scientific legacy. In doing so, we aim to present a picture as complete as possible, gathering authentic and partly unpublished testimonies from those who had the honor of knowing her or working with her. This attempt will provide a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of her life and work, as well as the impact she had on the scientific community and beyond.



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09:00

## INTRODUCTION

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## PERSONAL ASPECTS

- 09:20 **Fabio Visintini's memories about Rita Levi-Montalcini**  
**Prof. Giovanna Visintini**  
Toscolano Studies Center (CST), Toscolano Maderno (BS)
- 09:40 **Rita Levi-Montalcini and the foundation of MAGI:**  
**Personal unpublished memories**  
**Dr. Matteo Bertelli**  
President of MAGI Group (MAGI'S LAB and MAGI EUREGIO),  
Headquarters in San Felice del Benaco (BS)
- 10:00 **The two cultures of the Levi-Montalcini sisters**  
**Prof. Pietro Calissano**  
Co-founder of the European Brain Research Institute  
(EBRI Foundation), Rome
- 10:20 **Re-reading "In Praise of Imperfection"**  
**Prof. Alberto Cavaglioni**  
University of Florence
- 10:40 **Judaism and Science**  
**Rabbi Mykhaylo Kapustin**  
Federation of the Jewish Communities of Slovakia



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# HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

- 11:00 **Golgi and Cajal: The discovery of the neuron**  
**Prof. Paolo Mazzarello**  
Department of Nervous System and Behavioral Sciences and  
President of the University Museum System, University of Pavia
- 11:20 **Ernesto Lugaro**  
**Prof. Giovanni Berlucchi**  
Professor Emeritus of the Department of Neuroscience, Biomedicine  
and Movement, University of Verona
- 11:40 **Rita Levi-Montalcini, Fabio Visintini and Giuseppe Levi:  
The start of the long research process on Nerve Growth Factor**  
**Prof. Marco Piccolino**  
Center of Neurosciences, University of Ferrara
- 12:00 **Much ado about nothing: Rita Levi-Montalcini and Fidia**  
**Prof. Vittorio A. Sironi**  
Department of Medicine and Surgery, University of Milan Bicocca and  
Director of the Center for the Study of the History of Biomedical  
Thought (CESPEB)
- 12:20 **Clinical applications of Nerve Growth Factor**  
**Dr. Francesca Malerba**  
Head of the Facility "NGF LAB"  
EBRI Foundation - Rita Levi-Montalcini, Rome

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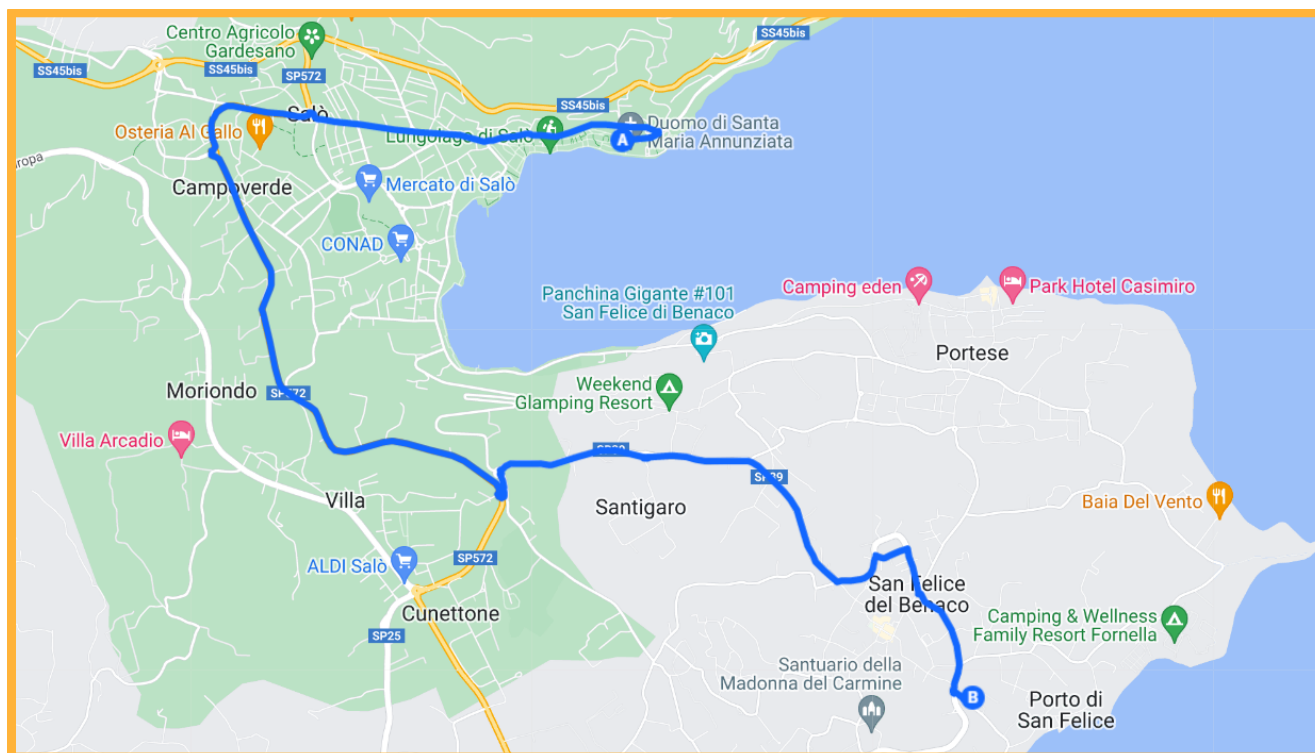


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To reach the venue, at **MAGI Headquarters**, on **May 31, 2023**, the following timetable is arranged:

- **08:30** - Departure from the Hotel Duomo
- **08:45** - Arrival at the MAGI venue (Villa Bertelli-Maestrini)
- **09:00** - Beginning of the event.

To arrange **transfers to and from your preferred train station** and/or for any questions or needs, please contact **Dr. Silvia Gaudenzi (tel.: 348 8402681)**.



