

**Tribute from the Conseil National des Etablissements Thermaux (CNETH)
France**

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Prof. Umberto SOLIMENE, President of FEMTEC.

He was a loyal, reliable, warm and enthusiastic friend, whose human qualities we appreciated during the many FEMTEC congresses he organized.

He was a skilful and dynamic President of FEMTEC, which he helped to develop and enhance during his successive terms of office. Thanks to him, balneology as a complementary medicine was defended at the highest level, notably at the WHO. A medical doctor by training, he remained committed to the defense of medical thermalism, with a particular concern for the training of spa doctors and hydrotherapists. Even in difficult times, Umberto was equal to his mission, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis, during which he maintained the link between the different members of FEMTEC, despite his troublesome personal situation.

We are sad that our friend has left us, as we are convinced that he could still have contributed a great deal to balneology.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Natacha, to his family and friends, and to the members of the FEMTEC Board.

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