

**In memoriam: Ferdinando Carrozza  
Some personal memories**

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The well-known malacologist Ferdinando Carrozza from Soiana passed away early last year. Because of our longtime friendship I like to write some words about the intensive and personal relation between Ferdinando and myself.

Nearly 30 years ago I received a letter from an Italian malacologist named F. Carrozza. I did not know him then but agreed to look at the shells he would like to send me "for inspection". This was the start of many parcels being sent between the two of us. Gradually it became evident that we shared interest in several important issues: micro-mollusca and Indo-Pacific migrants into the Mediterranean. During study of the (sometimes very small) shells that Ferdinando sorted out from different Mediterranean deposits I was impressed by his keen eye with which he spotted differences which were passed over by other collectors.

After a few years we both felt that a meeting from person to person would be nice. So, when I had to be in Italy for business reasons it was a perfect occasion to meet each other. The train brought me to Ferdinando in Torino, where he was a manager of the Banca d'America e d'Italia. We met for the first time in his house where both he and his wife Diva received me with a most warm welcome. This was the beginning of a longlasting friendship. In fact my wife and I became regular visitors in Italy and we visited Ferdinando and Diva almost every year. We became friends "for ever" and discussed not only malacology but also politics, Italian life and life in general. When early retirement from the bank made a new location possible, we enjoyed staying in Soiana: picking the grapes (and drinking the wine made from them), feeding the chickens, etc.

In the meantime we both collaborated with prof. Al. Barash from Tel Aviv University about Indo-Pacific migrants which we sorted out from material he sent us. In this way several migrant species were first detected and published by us. Also several new micromollusca from the Mediterranean were described and published, as can be seen from the list of publications.

Life went on and all of a sudden, in the later half of 2000 it was found that Diva suffered from leukemia. Several severe treatments did not really help and we saw the inevitable coming near. Diva Carrozza died in the beginning of 2004. After her tragic death it was evident that Ferdinando had lost interest in life. Although he tried to pick-up his malacological work he did not succeed. About a year after his beloved wife, Ferdinando passed away himself.

For Ferdinando it was important that his superb collection of Mediterranean shells should remain intact and available for study to all malacologists, professionals and amateurs alike. Therefore he finally arranged that his collection should go to the Museo Civico di Storia Naturale "G. Doria" in Genova.

My wife and I will always remember both friends for their kind hospitality but above all for their most valued friendship during an appreciable part of our lives. May they rest in peace.

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