

Obituary

Maria Laura Nuzzo (1946-2005)

The PCP community has lost a colleague who radiated beauty and calm wisdom. For all those who felt close to Maria Laura, her death marks the loss of a comrade and the bitter ending of a friendship that deepened over the years, even at a distance. Beyond the realm of feeling, Maria Laura was admired as a gifted organizer and administrator, a professional activist, as well as an industrious researcher.

Looking at her home page¹, one discovers the rich world that Maria Laura constructed and in which she was a central figure. Since 1982, Maria Laura regularly published theoretical analyses, as well as research reports with theoretical implications, mostly in collaboration with her partner, Gabriele, but also on her own. Moreover, the colleague we saw as the quiet half of the Chiari-Nuzzo team at international congresses conducted in English, was an assertive and prominent professional at home in Italy. In 1986, she founded the *Association for Psychological Research on Cancer* (ARPC) and acted as the association's secretary. Having introduced Kelly's PCP in Italy in the early 1980s, she founded the *Italian Association of Constructivist Psychology and Psychotherapy* in 1997 and served as its President. She was also Director of the *Centre for Constructivist Psychology and Psychotherapy* in Rome. From 1999 on, Maria Laura was active in the ethics committee of the *Federation of the Italian Associations of Psychotherapy* (FIAP) and in drawing up a code of ethics for the *Coordination of Professional Counselors* (CNCP). She shouldered the many organizational responsibilities while tire-

lessly training students, working with patients, and writing up research studies. At the same time, as we all know, she was devoted to her beautiful family.

Maria Laura Nuzzo was born on the 6th August, 1946 and died on the 3rd of November, 2005. On November 4, Gabriele wrote, "Maria Laura passed away yesterday morning, after six months of aggressive attempts at living and loving. She died as she lived; aware of her responsibilities and taking care of other people's worries (children, clients, colleagues)." We are left with a loving memory of her smile, her insight, and her caring. She will be sorely missed.

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