

Ten reasons why Salvatore Soresi was awarded by prof. Jean-Pierre Dauwalder, University of Lausanne and president of the *European Society for Vocational Designing and Career Counseling* during the International conference '*Life Design and Career Counseling: Building hope and Resilience*', held in Padova, June 20-22, 2013.



TEN REASONS WHY...

SALVATORE SORESI is full professor at the University of Padova (Italy).

After his studies in educational sciences at the University of Trieste he got his PhD at the Catholic University of Milan and the Sorbonne in Paris.

Salvatore is a very engaged man.

1. He was one of the youngest directors of vocational guidance services in Italy in the 70ties already. One easily understands these roots, giving force to his everlasting efforts to include parents and teachers through preventive interventions for the educational and vocational guidance of young people since then.
2. He was at the same time actively promoting and struggling for the deinstitutionalization of the disabled persons in Italy. The result, the famous law 517, giving a basis for dismantling asylums and special schools made Italy become one of the most progressive countries in Europe at the end of the 70ties.
3. At the University of Padova he then continued to develop his ideas during the 80ties by elaborating strong evidence based research on disability, rehabilitation, integration and decision making in these fields.
4. Followed a first postgraduate teaching on vocational guidance under his direction at the beginning of the 90ties and the creation of the LaRIOS (Laboratory for Research and Intervention in Vocational Designing and Career Counseling) and the Center for Research and Services on Disability, Rehabilitation and Inclusion at the University of

Padova, which aim at stimulating and develop research on these difficult but important topics.

(YOU CERTAINLY NOTICED TWO DAYS AGO THAT SALVATORE'S ENGAGEMENT FOR HOPE AND INCLUSION STILL IS PRESENT AND STRONGER THAN EVER ...)

5. He certainly also strongly contributed to the development of our discipline in Italy, being the founder of the 'Italian Journal of Vocational Psychology' and being the editor of two book series, one on 'Percorsi di orientamento' (Pathways of vocational guidance and the other on 'Disability, Treatment and Inclusion'.
6. In 2000 his work was recognized by the 'High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic' for his Magellan Project focusing on vocational guidance activities for high school students in Italy.
7. He strongly supported the international collaboration in research in our fields and established fruitful exchanges with the leading experts in our field since the 90ties. In 2006 he integrated the International Life Design Research Group, and the International Collaborative Group on Ad-aptability Research. More recently he also actively engaged within the NICE Network (Network for Innovation in Career Guidance in Europe) to develop common core competencies for the counseling profession all over Europe.
8. In 2008 he got the 'Award for distinguished contributions' from the Society of Counseling Psychology (Division 17 APA). Since 2011 he is a member of the 'Special Task Group' on Globalization created within this society.
9. He and his team at LaRIOS and at the University of Padova are marvelous hosts for colleagues from all over the world. They brilliantly organized a whole series of outstanding and stimulating International Conferences in the last few years, which positioned them as a leading group at the international level.
10. Finally I know Salvatore from many years now. He is reliable. He works hard. He is always kind and helpful. He has a great heart. He is just a friend ...

THAT IS WHY I AM PARTICULARLY HONOURED AND PROUD TO PRESENT TO SALVATORE SORESI THE 2013 AWARD OF THE ESVDC