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Professor Antonio Alberti (1945–2025) Distinguished Geologist, Educator, and Mentor

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We regret to announce the passing of Professor Antonio Alberti of the University of Trieste, Italy, on 30 September 2025.

Prof. Alberti was a distinguished geologist and educator who made an enduring contribution to higher education reform in Mongolia. Beginning in 1996, he became one of the leading coordinators of the European Union's TACIS–TEMPUS program, aimed at modernizing universities in post-Soviet countries. In cooperation with the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) and the Freiberg University of Mining and Technology, he helped launch projects that reshaped geology and mining education in Mongolia. Between 1997 and 2001, these initiatives modernized curricula, introduced Western teaching materials and laboratory equipment, and provided dozens of Mongolian faculty members with training opportunities in Italy and Germany. Many of these young participants later earned doctoral degrees and became leading professors and administrators.

Prof. Alberti combined scientific rigor with

warmth, humor, and generosity. He mentored young scholars with genuine care, built lasting friendships across cultures, and brought joy and encouragement to every visit. A scholar with broad cultural interests, he was also fascinated by the history of the Mongol Empire and Mongolian culture. His collaboration with Mongolian colleagues, initiated in 1996, continued for nearly three decades and left a lasting legacy in both education and research. His ties to Mongolia extended far beyond academia. He guided student field excursions, contributed to geological and environmental studies, and helped establish the Italy–Mongolia Friendship Association. In recognition of his exceptional contributions, MUST awarded him the title of Honorary Professor.

Prof. Alberti will be remembered not only for his scientific achievements but also for his generosity, encouragement, and enduring friendship. His collegial spirit, engaging personality, and sense of humor enriched the lives of all who had the privilege of working with him.