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Obituary

On January 12th 2019 **Arabella Festa**, the executive editor of this Journal, passed away in Rome. Arabella has always strongly believed in *The Italian Journal of Gender-Specific Medicine* project and she engaged herself in it from the very beginning with great passion and professionalism. She represented for the Journal much more than an executive editor, devoting herself to spread matters relevant to gender medicine with enthusiasm and generosity far beyond the duty her role requested.

During the difficult last moments, those who were close to her could witness how often she dedicated her thoughts to the Journal and, in fact, she worked at this very issue up to the final days of her life.

With her departure, gender medicine loses not only a pillar and a supporter but also a real friend: for all of us working in this field her example will be an incentive to commit ourselves with even greater determination.

Thank you, Arabella!

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