

Paolo Salmon, A Generous and Influential Mentor, By an absolute coincidence, I visited Paolo Salmon in October 1988 at University of Bologna for my three months sabbatical leave. I was mathematically isolated for some years. Paolo helped me to formulate our research problem in a more concrete format which shaped my research for many years. When my period ended and I could not get a US visa where I had planned to go, Paolo generously helped me to stay in Bologna for the whole period of my sabbatical until June 1989.

Our mathematical collaboration continued for many years almost until Paolo's retirement. I visited him several times in Bologna always staying at his house. Paolo accepted our invitation for our annual national mathematics conference in Isfahan 1990. He spent his three months sabbatical leave at University of Tehran from early December 1999 until 20 February 2000 with a short return to Italy in this period. He stayed with us at our apartment so that we could constantly work on joint research problem. The last period I had the chance to visit Paolo was my three months research visit of University of Genova in November 2016 - January 2018. During this period, I visited Paolo several times at his apartment in the center of Genova. Paolo was physically in good health. Although he did not remember some of the events of Bologna period of his career, we still had many things to share and talk about.

My friendship with Paolo was shared by his family including his wife Gioia, his daughters Laura and Valeria, and his son Georgo. My family was in love with Paolo. He was not only a Pioneer in commutative algebra in Italy in his early career, he was also a man of great influence in the scientific and family lives of many of his friends including myself.

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