Celebrating Nei
Life and Legacy

July 25th, 2023
8:45 pm - 10:15 pm
City Theater, Ferrara

Masatoshi Nei (1931 - 2023)
Founder of Molecular Evolutionary Genetics (Lynch, PNAS)
Geneticist who pioneered evolutionary methods, championed mutation-driven evolution, and co-founded MBE and SMBE (Kumar and Gojobori, MBE)
Evolutionary geneticist whose powerful statistical methods facilitated the molecular revolution of evolutionary biology (Zhang and Kumar, Nature Ecology and Evolution)

Join us in Ferrara’s City Theater for an event commemorating the pioneering works of Prof. Masatoshi Nei in Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics. This event will feature presentations by many esteemed researchers mentored by Nei, outlining his life, research progress, and most noteworthy contributions to the field.

It is a rare occasion to learn about the foundational works of Prof. Nei and his influence on our field over the past 60 years, reflected in his many prestigious awards, elections to distinguished academies, and an incredible citation impact.

MBE covers over the years

8:00 pm: Refreshments
8:45 pm: Welcome/Introduction - Kumar
8:50 pm: Early Life/Development - Gojobori

1970s, 1980s
9:00 pm: Wen-Hsiung Li
9:10 pm: Naruya Saitou
9:20 pm: Aravinda Chakravarti (Video)
9:25 pm: Chung-I Wu (Video)

1990s
9:30 pm: Claudia Russo
9:35 pm: Sudhir Kumar
9:40 pm: Koichiro Tamura
9:45 pm: Naoko Takezaki
9:50 pm: Andrey Rzhetsky

2000 onwards
9:55 pm: Helen Piontkivska
10:00 pm: Masafumi Nozawa
10:05 pm: Sayaka Miura (Video)
10:10 pm: Closing remarks