Tributes have been paid to one of European Modern Pentathlon’s most admired administrators, Valter Magini, after his death at the age of 73.

The popular former President of the International Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM) died in Italy on January 7 after contracting the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Across Italy, Valter promoted the development of Modern Pentathlon with passion and expertise for 40 years. He fulfilled various elected positions within the FIPM and served with distinction as President.

Valter also made a big impact in his work on behalf of the European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon, including a successful period as Vice-President.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, who was a close friend of Valter and his family for more than 30 years, said: “Throughout the world of Modern Pentathlon and UIPM, we know that the contribution of Valter Magini was highly regarded and appreciated. We took a wonderful journey together and we say goodbye with heavy hearts.”
Giovanni Malago, President of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), added: “His great passion for sport has brought him to the top of the discipline he loved most. We will miss his humanity and his competence. Italian sport owes him great affection and gratitude.”