

# Micromounters Hall of Fame

## Marco Ciriotti

Inducted in 2009



Marco Ciriotti has been collecting minerals since the age of fifteen. His systematic collection holds perhaps 85% of the minerals known to science. Many of those are in extensive suites from localities such as Mont Saint-Hilaire, Långban, Laurium, and other world-class sites. Marco earned a degree in Natural History from the University of Turin, and has been a constant supporter of scientific research projects. Over the years, he has cooperated with various scientists, in Italy and abroad. In particular, besides publishing articles in a number of magazines, he is the senior author of the book *Italian Type Minerals* published in 2008. In addition to his other institutional mineralogical functions, he is a member of

the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) Outreach Commission.

In 2003 Marco, together with other micromount enthusiasts, founded AMI – Associazione Micromineralogica Italiana, based in Cremona. Marco was elected chairman, and promoted the start of an official AMI periodical: *Micro*, a loose sheet magazine with superb color photographs totally dedicated to micromounts and related subjects of interest to advanced collectors. Marco is its chief editor and constant driving force. He has worked with micromounts and micromounting for many years, and it is through his efforts in holding special investigations that a number of minerals new to science have been located and described. He is a very effective bridge between the professional and the amateur mineralogists. Collector, micromounter, editor and organizer, he is well known also in the foreign arena for his tireless activity and constant, friendly support of the international mineral community.

Marco Ciriotti has earned his place in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.