

In memoriam of Giuseppe Marchesini

I had known Pino for a long time, but it was at CERN during the summer of 1978 that we started talking about the possibility of obtaining from QCD concrete results to be confronted eventually with data coming soon from accelerators. At the beginning I was rather skeptical due to the complexity of that theory and the difficulty in applying it to hadrons, but Pino argued that after all this theory was “asymptotically free” and that “planar gauges” could help in performing resummations. Eventually his optimism convinced me and in a few days we got some basic equations with encouraging results. Marcello Ciafaloni joined us in this adventure. The most surprising feature in my opinion was the “preconfinement” suggested by Amati and Veneziano, namely the dominance of configurations of colorless states of partons at a fixed energy scale, to be converted into hadrons. This property was essential for getting unambiguous predictions concerning hadron multiplicities.

In due time, *Amati*, *Mueller*, and *Veneziano* joined us. I remember those days as one of the most fruitful and exciting periods of my activity.

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