



**Benito Zollia, President
Brovedani Group spa**



BENITO ZOLLIA is President of Brovedani Group Spa and Brovedani Spa. He was born in Gorizia in 1936 and in 1956 he obtained a Diploma of Proficiency in Mechanics at the Professional Institute for mechanics of Gorizia.

From 1950 to 1961 he practiced sport at 1st level: athletics, basketball in the top division and in the National Italian Team.

From 1960 to 1962 he worked at MACTES Milan as Designer of mechano-textile systems and in the same company until 1965 as a sales representative.

From 1965 to 1968 he was Sales Director at Off. E. Brugola in Lissone (MI).

From 1968 to 1972 founded a trading company for the distribution of technical articles to important customers and industrial groups (e.g. Zanussi, Zoppas,

Savio, Seleco etc.). At the same time he contributes to the creation of a working group for the distribution of financial products of Fideuram.

In 1972 he acquired the shares owned by the individual fine mechanical company of S. Brovedani in Pordenone and therefore founded the Brovedani Spa where he became President. From 1985 to 1992 he was President of the “Unione Ginnastica Goriziana” (union gymnastics of Gorizia, foundation year 1868).

From 1985 to 1991 he was Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of CERIT – Regional Center for Technological Innovation.

From 1995 to 1998 he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the real estate “Immobiliare Golf Club Castel d’Aviano” (PN).

From 1995 to 2005 he is Member of the Committee Member of Confindustria of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia.

From 2003 to 2010 he is Member of the Department of Innovation and Research Committee of the Confindustria of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia.

In 2006 he was awarded an Honorary Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Udine.

From 2007 to 2014, he is founding member and Chairman of Keymec – Center for Innovation, research and training for the mechanics of the Industrial District of Ponte Rosso in San Vito al Tagliamento (PN).

From 2010 to 2014 he is member of the Fondazione Istituto Tecnico Superiore nuove tecnologie per il made in Italy, specializing in mechanical and aeronautical industry, based in Udine at the Institute Malignani.

Since 2011 Keymec is one of the founding members of LEF Lean Experience Factory, based at the same Keymec Center.

Since 2012 he is member of the Scientific Committee of Trieste Next 2012 European Exhibition of Innovation and Research.