

Without many preambles

Interview conducted by Paola De Castro, Daniela Marsili and Sara Modigliani at the Library of the ISS central building, (floor G) January 19th, 2011. Shooting and Editing by Walter Tranquilli and Edoardo Belardi

In this videotape we wished to collect and reconstruct through words and images some moments of the history of two Nobel Prizes for the Medicine or Physiology, Ernst Boris Chain and Daniel Bovet, respectively in 1945 and in 1957, who worked at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità from the end of the '40 to the beginning of '60. The main characters of the interview are Amilcare Carpi De Resmini and Giorgio Bignami, heads of the of Physiopathology of Organ and System Laboratory from 1982 to 1989 and from 1989 to 1998, respectively, in those years, were young researchers and collaborators of the two Nobel prizes. They propose unpublished histories and aspects of the character of the different personalities of two Nobel Prizes, also answering to some questions by Gianfranco Donelli head of the Ultrastructure Laboratory from 1982 to 1996. They tell us, as Carpi says, "without many preambles", how the two Nobel prize winners professionally lived together, sharing spaces and times of this research institute and strongly contributing to its evolution.

Photos from the ISS photographic archive, selected by Sara Modigliani.

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