

The Seal of St. Wenceslas to Stefano Merler

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It is the first time that this seal has been conferred as a **recognition** for someone's 'activism' and **not** for their **career**, to a personality who in this very complex situation has been able to lead the community not only locally, but nationally and internationally, through the rationality and authoritative prudence of science.

The award-giving event was moderated by Corriere della Sera journalist, **Simona Ravizza**, and saw the participation – in addition to Merler's family and numerous authorities – also of **Prof. Andrea Pugliese's**, who recalled the 'pioneering' work carried out by the young scholar already during his studies at the University of Trento, in the application of mathematics to biology and to modeling.

"Pioneering work that was made possible also thanks to the setting up of a research group at FBK on the subject that has been operating for twenty years and that today, thanks to the recent reorganization, has become Research Center – as recalled by **Francesco Profumo**, President of FBK – This operation, perfectly in line with the philosophy of our founder, Bruno Kessler, who has clearly indicated how investing in innovation and knowledge, focusing on young people, leads to the excellence that today is under everyone's eyes, not only locally, but also nationally".

At the time of the awarding, the Mayor **Franco Ianeselli** read the reasons for the recognition.

Finally Stefano Merler, after thanking the working group of the Health Emergency Center for their generosity and commitment in this hard one and a half years of [work on Covid-19](#), recalled how the only weapon available to fight the virus and to be able to gradually return to normal remains the vaccine.



You can watch the full ceremony on the video channels of Fondazione Bruno Kessler's and the Municipality of Trento's [Facebook](#) pages.

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