

VITTORIO VENTAFRIDDA AWARD 2014

ANN GOLDMAN

Professor Ann Goldman is a renowned and unique reference figure for all those involved in palliative care and pain management in children.

From the very beginning of her professional and academic career Professor Goldman, with extraordinary intuition and far-sightedness, has dedicated her attention, commitment and effort to the development and dissemination of an effective and holistic approach to the management of children and their families affected by life-limiting and life-threatening illness, with the aim of alleviating their suffering and enhancing their quality of life.

She is recognized globally as a pioneer in the field of paediatric palliative care; her important and eye-opening contributions encompass the numerous and often complex political, organizational, medical, psychological, ethical and educational aspects of this relatively new discipline.

Professor Goldman's authority and distinction in the paediatric palliative care sector is documented, not only, by her brilliant academic career and by the numerous prestigious awards received, but also by her many scientific publications.

She is perhaps mostly identified in her role as Co-editor of the "Oxford Textbook of Paediatric Palliative Care", which constitutes the "gold standard", the irremissible reference for all professionals engaged in paediatric palliative care worldwide.

By presenting the Vittorio Ventafridda Award, we wish to express the appreciation and gratitude of the Maruzza Foundation and also that of the many children and their families who have benefited from the invaluable work of Professor Ann Goldman.