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In the landscape of Italian archaeoastronomy Giuliano Romano has been the scholar that opened the road in this research field. His first contributions go back to 1980, e in the subsequent years he organized or collaborated to the organization of meetings and seminars that were a model not just for Italy. Some publications in collaboration with A. Aveni were of particular relevance. His works on the orientation of churches and sacred buildings were a reference for many Italian scholars. In the last decades, he performed research on pre-columbian civilizations, in particular on Mayan mathematics and astronomy. The opportunity of the presentation at the SISFA meeting will allow us to make also an excursus dedicated to a short analysis of the basic difficulties of archaeoastronomy, that are related to the problems of the interaction between physical sciences and humanistic sciences.

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