

## Giovanni Bianchi



Giovanni Bianchi, better known as Janus Plancus (Rimini, 1693-1775). Physician, botanist, paleontologist, and zoologist, Janus Plancus was an eminent figure in the scientific community of Rimini of the eighteenth century. Much appreciated was his "*De conchis minus liber*" (1739) dedicated to the study of foraminifera and other marine organisms. This textbook was repeatedly quoted by Linneus, Gmelin, Spallanzani, Lamarck, and Cuvier. Numerous tables of its second edition (Rome, 1760) were etched by his fellow, botanist and naturalist, Antonio Battarra.