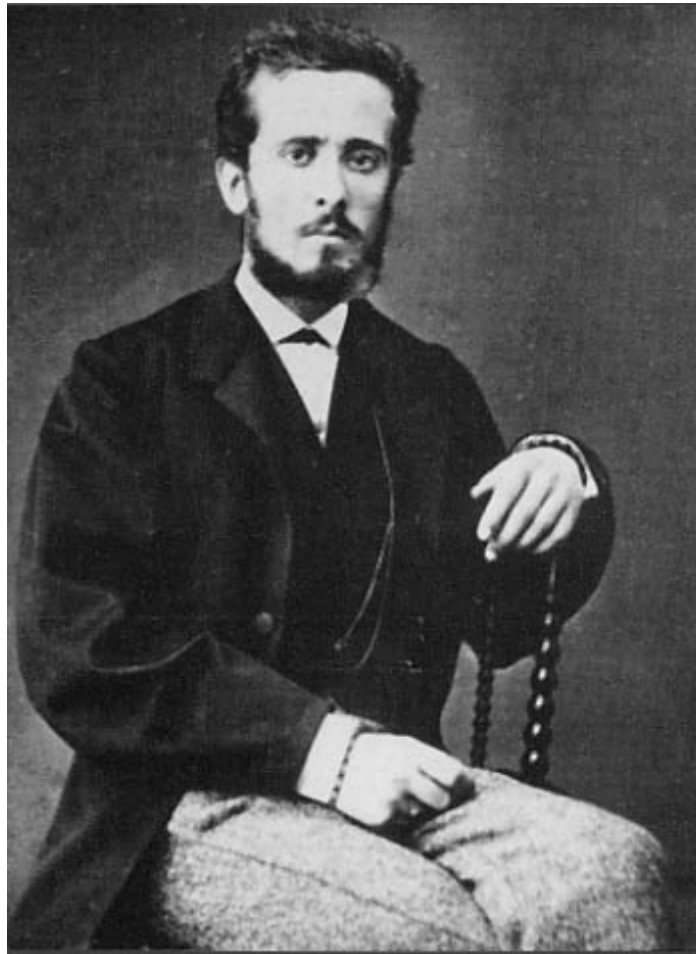


Raffaele Gestro



Raffaele Gestro (Genova, 1845-1936). Gestro graduated in Medicine at the University of Genova in 1866 and carried out his scientific activity uninterruptedly at the Museo Civico di Storia Naturale "Giacomo Doria" of this town. He was initially vicedirector, starting from the foundation of this museum in 1867, and then director up to 1913 when he retired at the age of 89. Coleoptera were object of the great majority of his nearly 200 publications, in which he described 936 new species. He was author also of two appreciated handbooks, *'Manuale del preparatore'* and *'Manuale del naturalista viaggiatore'*, repeatedly edited by Hoepli from 1883 to 1926.