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Marcello Costa published his first paper in Neuro-gastroenterology in 1965. He pioneered many methods to investigate the organization and functions of the so-called 'little brain in the gut', the Enteric Nervous System. This monograph summarizes his extensive work in collaboration with close to 200 colleagues from different countries.