

In Memoriam

Nestor Walter Lanfredi

Last December the Coastal Oceanography of Argentina was deprived of one of its foremost representatives. I am sure that his many friends from around the world will join me in remembering Nestor Walter Lanfredi as a sociable, intelligent, discrete person. Nestor was fully devoted to his research, teaching and family. He received his degree as a Geodetic-Geophysics Engineer from the Universidad de Buenos Aires although he made extensive studies on Physical Oceanography at the Université du Paris and Coastal Oceanography at the U.S. Coastal Engineer Research Center (Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi).

He applied his experience to many years of research at the Servicio de Hidrografía Naval of the Argentine Navy, where Nestor reached the highest level as Director of Investigations in 1988. He also transferred his knowledge through different courses taught, as full professor, at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata and as visiting professor at the Universities of Buenos Aires, Mar del Plata, Federal do Rio Grande (Brazil) and Concepción (Chile). In 1988, he developed the Laboratorio de Oceanografía Costera at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata to which he dedicated his last years.

In parallel, Ing. Lanfredi was a consultant to the Organization of American States (OAS), head of the Multinational Program for Marine Sciences of OAS, and member of numerous committees in Argentina and abroad, becoming President or Vice President of several of them. He also was a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Coastal Research* where he translated many abstracts into Spanish.

I was fortunate to have worked closely with Nestor at the beginning of my career as a coastal oceanographer. I later shared with him many happy friendships at the numerous scientific meetings we participated in together. His influence on all of us that worked with him was important in our own research.

The early disappearance of a still young man (he was in his late fifties) makes us think about the many scientific and human inputs we should have expected from him but will no longer receive.

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