

EDITORIAL

Dear readers



This edition is to pay tribute to the late Professor Wilson S. Venturini who left us on 15/07/2010 at the age of 61. He was a prominent researcher, respected teacher, excellent person and a great friend.

Professor Venturini, throughout his 35 years working with the Department of Structural Engineering at the School of Engineering of São Carlos, São Paulo (SET/EESC/USP), left behind priceless contribution that began in the department, excelling the ambits of the University of São Paulo, achieving success in the world of science.

It would be ostentatious trying to present Prof. Venturini's full curriculum, as this would require a sizeable editorial and as much as we could try to do this meticulously, we would nevertheless fail to recall many of the works, articles, orientations, lectures, courses and other activities he so competently developed. In this edition's preface we include a testimony by Professor Carlos A. Brebbia, Director of the Wessex Institute of Technology and Prof. Venturini's doctoral advisor at the University of Southampton in England. This report featured on the front page of the Engineering Analysis with Boundary Elements journal, shortly after his death.

In this special edition we chose to honor him with scientific papers, an activity he loved doing and did so very efficiently. It is striking to observe that his production is both extensive while also of very high quality, a feat that is seldom possible to associate. We have gathered in this issue articles produced by guest authors, chosen from some of his colleagues, who are now inevitably parted from his friendship. This issue presents contributions from researchers and professors from universities in Brazil and abroad. Specifically from SET/EESC/USP, there are the teachers who had Professor Venturini as their mentor in their doctoral work, of which some of the work published here originates from.

With the certitude that our tribute falls short of what our honoree deserves, we offer the following pages to the readers of CEE, in the hopes they enjoy this column and have a good read.

To our esteemed Professor Venturini, so dearly missed.

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