

In memoriam of Antonio Martinez-Cob

A special dedication goes to the memory of our dear colleague Dr Antonio Martinez-Cob, who passed away suddenly on July 21st, 2014. He participated at the CIGR Conference in Bari and contributed to this special issue as a reviewer. Antonio Martínez-Cob (Research Group Irrigation, Agronomy and the Environment (CSIC-CITA), Department of Soil and Water, Aula Dei Experimental Station, CSIC, Zaragoza, Spain) was an accomplished scientist. According to the Web of Science, Antonio is in the all-time top-ten list of scientists publishing on evapotranspiration for irrigation or agriculture. His research interests included the spatial distribution of evapotranspiration, the evaluation of reference evapotranspiration equations, the use of weighing lysimeters for short-time evapotranspiration measurement, the development of micrometeorological evapotranspiration methods, and the deployment of sap flow measurement methods in herbaceous and woody crops. Sixteen out of his fifty-two indexed articles were published in *Agricultural Water Management*. This was his reference journal for articles aiming at improving water use standards in irrigated agriculture. Antonio's accomplishments go beyond scientific publications: he authored practice books on evapotranspiration, contributed to the design of networks of automatic weather stations, trained young researchers and practitioners, and effectively disseminated his research findings. Moreover, he completed 14 reviews for the *Agricultural Water Management* journal, keeping his personal rating as reviewer always at 100/100.

Antonio Martinez-Cob was an exceptional colleague and scholar. These few words aim to acknowledge his approach to "life and science" of being tenacious, modest and unpretentious. He leaves an indelible footprint in our memory and warmth around our hearts. Antonio's approach helped many people feeling and becoming better.

Thank you and rest in peace, Antonio.