

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Nicolas Aguilera Herrera. *Written by Prof. Lenom J. Cajuste*

Nicolas Aguilera Herrera, Professor Emeritus at the “Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) died 7 september 1996.

Prof. Aguilera Herrera earned his B.S. degree from the National Polytechnique Institute in 1942 and his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1953. Professor Aguilera was well known as a research scientist for his paper on the removal of free iron oxides from soils and clays, published in the Soil Science Society of America Proceedings.

Professor Aguilera was the first appointee to serve as Head of the Soils Department of the Colegio de Postgraduados (Graduate School), and in this position was the adviser of many generations of Mexican and foreign research scientists.

He published more than 120 papers in various national and international journals and received many recognition awards from Mexican and foreign academic centers. Prof. Aguilera was affiliated to numerous scientific societies, as for instance the National System of Researchers (Sistema Nacional de Investigadores) in Mexico.

The work of Professor Aguilera Herrera through his significant contributions to pedology, left an indelible imprint on the role of Mexican scientists in the advancement of knowledge related to the area of soil science in Mexico.