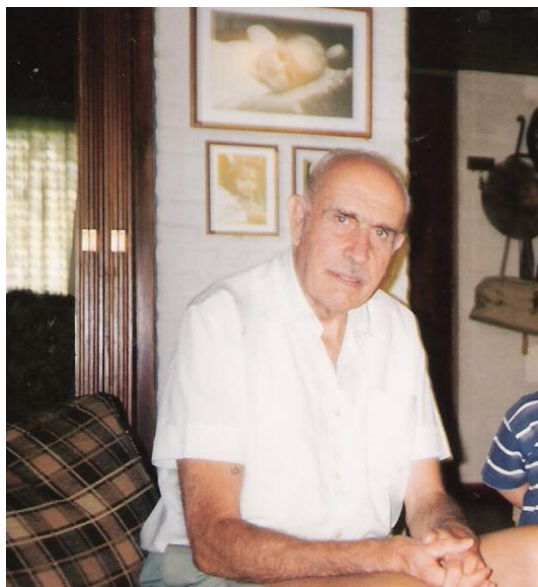


IN MEMORIAM

Ramon A. Rosell, coordinator of the IHSS Argentinean Chapter, and Professor of Soil Science, Department of Agronomy, Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina, died on October 24, 2010 in Bahía Blanca, Argentina. He was born on February 12, 1930 in Puan, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He attended the Universidad Nacional del Sur earning his degree in Chemistry in 1955. He then received the M.S. in Soil Science (University of California, Berkeley) in 1961, and was granted the



Ph.D. in Chemistry at the Universidad Nacional del Sur in 1963 and the Ph.D. in Soil Science at the University of California, Berkeley in 1967.

He was researcher of CONICET (Research Council of Argentina) and developed most of his academic and scientific activity in Bahía Blanca at the Department of Agronomy, Universidad Nacional del Sur. He promoted with other researchers the formation of CERZOS (Agronomy Research Institute of CONICET in Bahía Blanca), was the director of the Institute of Edaphology and Hydrology and of the Laboratory of Humus and Soil Biodynamics (LAHBIS). He was also Dean of the Department of Agronomy.

Professor Rosell was well known nationally and internationally, and was the developer of the research in Humic Substances in Argentina. He gave many lectures at scientific meetings and published numerous articles in scientific journals. He trained 18 Ph.D and M.S. students who occupy numerous positions of importance in Soil Science in Argentina. Professor Rosell was an active member of many scientific societies.

His devotion to scientific research and teaching is recognized and strongly appreciated by all who were fortunate to have worked with him.

He is no longer physically present, but its imprint will mark the way forward for Argentinean researchers in Soil and Humic Science.

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