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COPANT REGrets THE PASSING OF OUR GREAT FRIEND, COLLEAGUE AND COLLABORATOR: MARIO WITTNER

Last Friday, March 13, 2020, Mario Osvaldo Wittner, a high-level professional who dedicated most of his professional career to the world of quality infrastructure, passed away.

Mario was a very important personality in COPANT, collaborating from his positions in IRAM for several years, he served as our Treasurer for 9 years, and more recently he remained linked to our organization as our expert in conformity assessment issues, facilitating on several occasions the meetings and workshops of the COPANT ISO/CASCO Focal Group.

Mr. Wittner had the respect and admiration of the standardization community, not only in the Americas region, but globally, as he assumed for 3 years with great efficiency and leadership, the Chair of the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment, ISO/CASCO.

Furthermore, he was awarded by the International Electrotechnical Commission - IEC, with the distinction "1906 AWARD" for his invaluable contribution to the participation of Latin America in the IEC Conformity Assessment System through COPANT.

Below, we share Mario’s professional background:

- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry - UBA
- Advisor in Conformity Assessment at the Secretariat of Domestic Trade - Ministry of Production - Argentina;
- Coordinator of the Delegation of Argentina in the Commission for Conformity Assessment of MERCOSUR Sub-Group 3;
- European Union expert for AENOR, ISO, IDB, UNIDO, ANSI, PTB, BVQI Quality Institute, in several countries: Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Cuba, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Mozambique, Bulgaria, Nepal, MERCOSUR, Bolivia, Dominican Republic
- INLAC representative in ISO/CASCO: several Working Groups (WG) and STAR.
- Director General of IRAM - Argentine Institute of Standardization and Certification (2009)
− Deputy Director General of IRAM (1996-2008)
− Chairman of ISO/CASCO (2003-2006)
− Member of the ISO Council (2009)
− Member of the IECEE - ACAG Committee
− Professor of General and Inorganic Chemistry - UADE - Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (1968-2006)
− Guest Professor in Standardization at INCALIN - UNSAM (Universidad de San Martín - Argentina)
− Professor in postgraduate courses of foreign trade, in the subject of Technical Barriers to Trade - Faculty of Economic Sciences - University of Buenos Aires - Argentina

COPANT expresses its deepest condolences to his family and friends.