

Editorial: Luis Maldonado – In Memoriam



Luis Maldonado Ramos, 59, died last 21 August. For the last 8 years, he served as Dean of the Technical University of Madrid's School of Architecture, the same school where he fulfilled his dream of becoming an architect and where he chaired the Department of Construction and Architectural Technologies.

The school, his school, will always remember him fondly, not only for all he did for its students, such as attaining a dual degree to enable graduates to practise in the United States or founding the alumnae association to help them find their first job and their place in society, but also for his endearing ability to 'keep the peace'. Quietly, Luis Maldonado created a serene, harmonious atmosphere, attending to the widely varying demands of the school's large student body and numerous population of teaching, administrative and service staff.

The journal *Materiales de Construcción*, on behalf of the Eduardo Torroja Institute for Construction Science (IETcc-CSIC) itself and all its other journals, wishes to express its sorrow for this loss and add its voice to the many tributes of which Luis Maldonado is so deserving. It is only fair to acknowledge that as Dean Luis wholeheartedly supported the IETcc-CSIC's journals, circulating them among the school's professors and

students and establishing partnering arrangements and agreements that favoured mutual understanding and respect. He realised that the transfer of new scientific and technological knowledge should be very close to where it is generated or applied and was keenly aware of the significant role of scientific journals such as *Materiales de Construcción* in that endeavour. Since 2010, he was also a member of the journal's Advisory Board.

May these few words stand as witness of our gratitude and contribute to keeping his memory alive in ours.

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