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Subject: Passing of Pablo Gonzalez Vera

I regret to announce that Pablo Gonzalez Vera, Professor at Universidad de La Laguna (ULL), Canary Islands, Spain, passed away early on the morning Wednesday, July 11 at the age of 57.

Pablo was the leader of the team on rational orthogonal functions, numerical integration and polynomial and rational approximation based at ULL. He was coauthor (with A. Bultheel, E. Hendriksen and O. Njåstad) of the monograph Orthogonal Rational Functions, Cambridge Monographs on Applied and Computational Mathematics, Cambridge University Press 1999, the main reference work on this topic with 111 citations. Pablo is listed in MathSciNet as an author of 157 papers and monographs. He was the advisor of many PhD students in ULL and contributed to the growth and expansion of the above topics in Spain and abroad.

I shared not only his passion for Mathematics but also as a runner. In many meetings, Pablo was my companion in training for long distance races. He was a supporter of Barcelona FC and I recall a night in Trondheim (together with Leuven, one of Pablo's favourite places) enjoying a final game of the Spanish Cup won by Barcelona FC. Walter van Assche and Guillermo Lopez Lagomasino also witnessed Pablo's joy with this sport success. A bottle of Chablis was opened.... and finished to celebrate it.

Our sympathies go to Pablo's wife Rosa, to their children Laura and Jorge, and to all his friends.