

## **Remembranza de Francisco Aranda Ordaz**

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Francisco Aranda-Ordaz was a young and outstanding Mexican statistician. For about ten years he was one of the leading figures in the Mexican and Latin American statistical communities, mostly due to his work on applied statistics, but also because of his keen interest in promoting our discipline and his concern for his students.

He did an Actuarial Science degree in the early 1970's, and a masters degree in Statistics and Operations Research at the National University of Mexico. He then worked for his Ph.D. under the supervision of Professor David Cox at Imperial College London. He came back to Mexico in 1980 to work at his alma mater.

During his short career, Francisco published over twenty papers on Statistics, Neurology and Pathology, in journals such as *Biometrika*, *Biometrics* and *Structural Pathology*. He also held positions as visiting professor at the University of Waterloo, Canada, as well as several other institutions in Mexico and Latin America. He was also one of the organisers of the CLAPEM that was held in Mexico back in 1990.

I was fortunate to work with him for a brief period before he died tragically in 1991. Working with him left a lasting impression on me.

To honour his memory, the Latin American Society for Probability and Mathematical Statistics created this award to recognize the best Ph.D. theses in Probability and Mathematical Statistics written by a Latin American student.

Even after all these years, Francisco is still greatly missed.