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The editors of EBEB 2012 proceedings dedicate this volume to Prof. Carlos Alberto de Bragança Pereira (better known as Carlinhos).

Carlinhos is arguably the first active Brazilian researcher in the field of Bayesian statistics, and unquestionably the great pioneer in developing this area in Brazil. Although *carioca* (born and raised in Rio de Janeiro) Carlinhos' influence is particularly strong in the State of São Paulo, where he has been a Professor at USP since 1969. Some comments about his scientific career can be found at an interview given to ISBA Bulletin, vol. 9 (2), p. 6 – 9, Jun 2012.

A very peculiar characteristic of Carlinhos' leadership is his use of the *Maieutic* method. He freely admits that he is as interested in increasing the productivity of his research group, as he finds it necessary to investigate the foundations of statistical science; he openly proclaims that developing new computational tools and applications is as important as fostering open discussions on why is it that we should keep doing things the good old way have been doing them; or maybe not!

In fact, this kind of critical attitude is not just a permissible luxury allowed to the most intrepid, but a most basic requirement for anyone that comes close enough to Carlinhos. Those of you that have already found yourselves trapped (sometimes after a few beers) in one of Carlinhos theoretical ambushes, know what we are talking about... In this case you may also know that, if after engaging in the subsequent fight for the survival of our egos and theories, we accomplish a better understanding of something important, we can be rewarded with some old stories of his Ph.D. advisor, Prof. Debabrata Basu.

Carlinhos' Socratic path has made our scientific and personal lives more original, productive, interesting and fun. Thank you (valeu cara)!



**Debabrata Basu, Callyampudi Radhakrishna Rao
and Carlos A. de Bragança Pereira, *c.* 1979**