

IN MEMORIAM



**DR. JESUS TRINIDAD PONCE PALAFOX
(1956-2021)**

At the age of 65, Dr. Jesus Trinidad Ponce Palafox passed away in Nayarit (México), a remarkable academic at the Autonomous University of Nayarit, researcher at the National School of Fisheries Engineering in the Coastal Bioengineering Laboratory and Nayarit Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer.

Graduated as Bachelor of Biology by the National School of Professional Studies San Juan Iztacala of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, with the thesis “Study of the physico-chemical behavior and primary productivity of a temporary reservoir, used for extensive fish farming in the State of Morelos, Mexico”. He completed his Master of Science studies at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Faculty of Sciences) with the thesis “Analysis of the effect of organic and inorganic fertilization on some variables of water quality in rustic ponds, in a polyculture system”. Doctor of Sciences from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Faculty of Sciences) with the thesis “Energy metabolism of the white shrimp *Litopenaeus vannamei*”. Post-doctorate in Aquaculture and Environmental

Management at the Center for Research in Food and Development A.C. with the degree work "Study of the current state of knowledge of fixed fishing gear (Tapos) in Marismas Nacionales, Mexico: with emphasis on fisheries and aquaculture".

His lines of research were: management of aquaculture crops, water quality, aquaculture nutrition, bioenergetics and physiology of aquatic organisms. He was a member of the National System of Researchers (CONACYT, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) level 3, the highest level that a Mexican scientist can receive in his career. One of his greatest distinctions was the second place in the "Commercial and Industrial Aquaculture" category of the 2018 Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Award, given by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA).

He was author of a large number of scientific articles of international quality and publications for the dissemination of science. He was supervisor of innumerable undergraduate and graduate theses, as well as a participant in numerous research collaborations with important institutions at national level in Mexico and around the world.

His academic dedication was indisputable, teaching undergraduate and graduate classes tirelessly trying to promote the scientific interests of his students by transmitting his knowledge, ethics and tenacity over the years.

He was a relevant contributor to the Latin American Journal of Aquatic Research (LAJAR), not only as an author but also as an Associate Editor, demonstrating a great commitment and dedication to this activity.

With his departure, one of the great minds that paved the way for the science of aquaculture in Mexico is lost. Rest in peace.