Obituary: Javier Manterola

Javier Manterola passed away on May 12, 2024. From his home, CFCSL, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the countless condolences received.

Javier Manterola created this Project Office with Carlos Fernández Casado and Leonardo Fernández Troyano almost 60 years ago. He was president and CEO of this office and was able to develop all his professional activities.

Javier Manterola was a professor at the School of Civil Engineering at the Technical University of Madrid from 1976 until his retirement in 2006. He taught more than 30 graduating classes of engineers and his passion for the world of bridges.

His designed and built work is a legacy of unparalleled value that has been recognized nationally and internationally. As a result of this value, Javier has received in his lifetime all the awards to which an engineer can aspire, honouring him, his family and our entire profession.

If there is one thing to highlight about Javier as a teacher and engineer, it is his ability to transmit enthusiasm. He was enthusiastic about asking questions and trying to answer them, enthusiastic about improving any project and any detail, and enthusiastic about always trying to contribute something new. To join the world of bridges with Javier was to join the world of technology with capital letters, as well as the world of art, architecture, and philosophy.

His departure on Saint Domingo de la Calzada's Day, our patron saint, fills us with deep sadness but also with deep gratitude for his life and work.

For all these reasons, on behalf of those of us who have been his colleagues and students, we would like to thank Javier for all that he has taught us, by his example, throughout his life: to "profess", with excellence, the exciting world of bridges, from all fields and all over the world.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JAVIER!

Antonio Martínez Cutillas, CFCSL

On behalf of IABSE Spanish National Group

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