OBITUARY

César Mendoza Briceño

1962 - 2008

César Mendoza Briceño passed away on September 12th, 2008.

His brilliant research career in astronomy started properly in 1996 after finishing his PhD in the University of Saint Andrews, Scotland, on the subject of Nonlinear Thermal Evolution of Coronal Structures. As a staff member of the Department of Physics in the Universidad de Los Andes, in Mérida, he was instrumental in initiating a line of research in Solar Physics and training several graduate students in this field. César's affable and amiable character, high human quality, and humble recognition of his own and other colleagues scientific merits, allowed him to establish strong bonds with his coworkers and students, to whom he always taught to do science with the highest standards of excellence and dedication. They will certainly continue his pioneering work

The untimely and irrational way in which he was taken from us has left a sad feeling of emptiness and impotence among his family, colleagues, students, friends, and the Venezuelan scientific community.

Let his teachings be with us for the years to come.

His friends.