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Dear Friends,

IOCV has received the sad news that Dr. Ary Aparecido Salibe passed away on the morning of November 19, 2013 in his hometown Limeira, São Paulo, Brazil. He was 79 years old.

He is survived by his wife Teresinha Aparecida Busch Salibe, daughters Adriani and Ariane, and grandkids.



Longtime friends and colleagues, Gerd Walter Müller, Moshe Bar-Joseph, and Chester Roistacher also shared their thoughts about Dr. Salibe.

“Ary and I have had a healthy competitive relationship in all of our professional lives and this competition stimulated me throughout my carrier. He will be missed”

“Sorry to get these sad news. I met Ary on several occasions and found him a fine Gentlemen and an excellent person. He visited Israel with Prof. Kurt Mendel before the time I started working on citrus diseases and the late Mendel mentioned him often.

Dr. Ary Salibe belonged to the generation of horticulturists that dealt with citrus diseases because of their horticultural effects, rather than their virological/ molecular nature as our profession evolved since, and what remains to wish that the new generation of IOCV members should start filling again the gap and keeping the contacts between these two disciplines.”

“It is with much sadness to learn of Ary’s passing. I go back a long time with Salibe, to the very first days I began working with Dr. Calavan as a technician in the early 1950’s at UC Riverside. It was in the Doctorate Thesis of Salibe (1961) that we found the indicator for *Citrus exocortis viroid*. Salibe reported that the citron was sensitive to exocortis and showed various severe symptoms. A clonal line of ‘Etrog’ citron called 861-S-1 was found to be highly sensitive to the mildest reacting citrus viroids and is currently the line used for biological indexing of exocortis and other citrus viroids.

I really liked Ary and I felt close to him all of his life. I now shall hold him in memory. It is a great loss.”

