Amílcar Sernadas

We are sad to report the loss of our colleague Amílcar Sernadas, a founder member of the editorial board of Formal Aspects of Computing. He passed away on February 7th; a victim of cancer. He was an eminent Computer Scientist whose career is outlined below by his fellow countryman José Nuno Oliveira.

"Amílcar was born in Angola in 1952. He graduated at the Technical University of Lisbon (IST) in Electrical Engineering (1975) and obtained his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of London (1980). His dissertation was on the temporal specification of information systems. After gaining his doctorate he joined the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon as assistant professor where he did his habilitation in 1982. In 1987 he moved to IST as associate professor, becoming full professor in 1990.

Amílcar led several research projects with national and international funding, and mentored many Ph.D. students. His work was focused on the application of logic to computer science, as reported in more than 100 internationally published papers on temporal logic specification, algebraic knowledge representation, institutions, foundations of object-orientation, combination of logics and, more recently, quantum logic and computation.

Amílcar Sernadas is regarded as one of the most influential computer scientists in Portugal, contributing actively to promote theoretical computer science as a research subject in Portuguese universities. On the occasion of the 105th anniversary of IST (2016) he was awarded the title of 'Distinguished Professor' by the President of the Republic."

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