

Special Issue in Honour of Prof. M. Gadella with Occasion of His 60th Birthday

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The conference was organized as a homage to Professor Manuel Gadella (*Manolo*, for his many friends and colleagues) in the occasion of his 60th birthday by some of his collaborators. Among the many participants in the meeting, there were most of his scientific family: almost all his Ph.D. students (“scientific sons”), his Ph.D. supervisor Prof. Emilio Santos (“scientific father”) and many of his lifelong collaborators, coming from all around the world and who in all the cases happen to be also his friends.

As guest editors of this volume, it is our duty and also our pleasure to thank all the participants who made possible a very interesting and fruitful Conference, and also to those

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who, unable to attend it for several reasons, presented their contributions to this volume as a testimony of his admiration and friendship for Manolo.

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