I met Enrique in 2011 before starting my Ph.D. in the group he created at the University of Chile and later led by Marcel Clerc. He was famous for his National Prize in Sciences and advising and directing very talented researchers. Since the first encounter, it became clear that Enrique was a person with an outstanding character that elegantly combined generosity and support with a rational, direct, and honest style.

In Nonlinear Physics, he was extremely rigorous, providing his courses of a unique mix of mathematical foundations and physical insight. His works on the mathematical characterization of bifurcations are legendary. Still, beyond his merits as an outstanding researcher, he also inspired us by confronting his academic life with simplicity. He understood that the scientific endeavor is intricately connected to other aspects of the human experience, and therefore he cared about his group in multidimensional aspects.

I deeply thank Enrique from his advice and support. He pushed my career, and the ones of many others, forward by his teaching and believing in the youngers' capacity. His loss is difficult to bear, and I still miss him, but his legacy still lives in those that continue to be inspired by this Great and Unique physicist.

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