

Prof. Paulo Cesar Sentelhas

Escola Superior de Agricultura Luiz de Queiroz (Esalq/USP, Piracicaba, Brazil) communicated that Paulo Cesar Sentelhas, professor at Biosystems Engineering of Esalq, passed away on September 21th.

Paulo Cesar Sentelhas was graduated in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Espírito Santo do Pinhal (UNIPINHAL) - Faculty of Agronomy and Animal Science Manoel Carlos Gonçalves (1987). He received a Master degree in Agronomy (Agrometeorology), 1992, and a Ph in Agronomy (Irrigation and Drainage), 1998, both from Esalq. He did postdoctoral studies at the University of Guelph in Canada from (2003 -2004), and also at the University of Guelph - Weather Innovations Incorporated consortium (2008), where he worked as a visiting researcher. He worked as a researcher at IPMET/UNESP (1988-1994) and Agronomic Institute of Campinas IAC (1994-1996). Since March 1996 he was a professor at Esalq and currently held the position of Full Professor in the Agrometeorology area. He was secretary of the Brazilian Society of Agrometeorology -SBAgro- (1995-1997; 2001-2003) and its president (2005-2007), when he also served as president of the Latin American Federation of Agrometeorology (FALDA). He had highlighted performance in Agronomy, with emphasis on Agrometeorology. As a professor, he taught in the undergraduate course the disciplines Agricultural Meteorology and Applied Agrometeorology and, in the graduate program, the discipline Agrometeorology and Plant Diseases. He was Scientific Editor of the journal *Scientia Agricola*, Esalq, and from 2015 was the Editor-in-Chief of the same. He served as Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Biometeorology* (ISBM - Springer) and as a member of the editorial committees of the *Italian Journal of Agrometeorology* (SIA, Italy), *International Journal of Plant production* (IJPO - Springer), *Applied Sciences* (Springer) and *AgriScientia* (University of Córdoba, Argentina). From 2005 to 2013 he served as Brazil's representative to the Group of Agrometeorology Experts of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-UN). He was a member of SBAgro (Brazilian Society of Agrometeorology) and INSAM (International Society of Agricultural Meteorology). In 2019, he received the Sergio Westphalen Award from SBAgro in recognition of his contributions to the Agrometeorology area of Brazil. Sentelhas was a 12-time professor honored by the Agronomic Engineering Classes, author of 224 articles, advisor to 30 masters and 28 doctors and 5 postdoctoral students and 90 undergraduate students. Recently, he founded the Agrymet consultancy with his loved daughters.

Brazil, Latin America, and the world will miss Paulo for his academic contributions, but mainly for his generosity and bonhomie.