Farewell to Antoni González Senmartí, one of the driving forces behind the ICAC

Antoni González Senmartí passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024, as a result of an illness.

Secretary of the Board of Directors of ICAC-CERCA since 2002, he was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Institute, an institution to which he always dedicated his time and wisdom altruistically.

Senmartí also played a role at the Rovira i Virgili University from its inception. A professor of Greek Philology, he was one of the most involved individuals in establishing the University. He was part of the Management Commission and the first governing team. After restructuring the UB into divisions in 1986, Senmartí became the first president of the seventh university division of Camp de Tarragona.

At ICAC-CERCA, he was also an associate researcher at the ARPA-LIRA research group, coordinated by Diana Gorostidi, and a close collaborator of Jesús Carruesco in Greek philology.

We deeply regret the loss of our esteemed colleague and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and our entire academic community. His absence will leave a void that can never be filled.

We especially remember Antoni during Josep Guitart's tenure as director, when the Institute took its first steps, discussing future research strategic lines and, above all, advocating for advanced training at ICAC, which culminated in the creation of master's and doctoral programs. His URV-ICAC profile, and immense knowledge of the University, teaching, the classical world, and public administration made him a highly valuable person in building it all.

His contributions to the functioning of ICAC have always been significant and relevant, both

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in terms of advisory matters and strategic, legal, or institutional issues. He offered loyal and sincere support to the Institute throughout. Under Josep Maria Palet's leadership, Senmartí altruistically agreed to continue as Secretary of the Board of Directors, even beyond his retirement as a URV professor, a gesture we deeply appreciate.

> It has been a pleasure to share and discuss so many institutional challenges with Antoni, as well as the complexity of relationships within the consortium that makes up ICAC", Josep Maria Palet.

A cultured person, intelligent, methodical, rational, positive, passionate about his work, joyful… He loved URV and ICAC. The Institute lost one of its pillars, a person who gave us security and often acted as a bridge between institutions. We will miss him greatly. Rest in peace, Antoni.