

In Memory of Adolf Garcia



Adolf Garcia... a long-time member of ANS, NCSD, and the CSSG passed away on March 9, 2015.

Aldof is remembered as a colleague who cared deeply about his friends and co-workers, as well as about the Criticality Safety discipline. In his younger days he was a proficient ballroom dancer/instructor. He loved dogs, his 'fur-babies', and was ready, at a moments notice, to share pictures or stories of their latest antics.

His service to the ANS and the NCSD has been considerable. He was a member of ANS-8 and chair of the key industry standard on criticality safety (ANS-8.1) for decades. He served as a long time member of the program committee, was the program chair for a national meeting, and served as chair of the NCSD.

He was one of the founding members, and the founding Chair of the CSSG. He served as CSSG Chair for 10 years. Through all of this he was key in developing consensus on DOE and Industry technical needs. He was a long time faculty member for the University of New Mexico short course on Criticality Safety. His focus there and elsewhere was respecting the past experience of the nuclear pioneers and collaboration with other professionals to enable the best outcomes.

At all times Adolf worked to establish a consensus to solve problems - he deeply respected his contemporaries. His enthusiasm was unbounded. His optimism never flagged no matter what the circumstances. He is probably looking upon us now and saying not to worry about him, he's ok, everything is working out just fine.

Regardless, he will be greatly missed.