

In memoriam Modesto Leite Rolim Neto (1964–2022): A tribute

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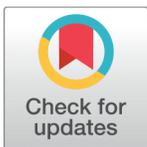
It is with deep and profound sadness that we share the news of Professor Dr. Modesto Leite Rolim Neto's (Figure 1) recent passing. Professor Neto died unexpectedly on October 8, 2022, in the city of Juazeiro do Norte, State of Ceará, Brazil, victim of a heart attack.

A respected psychologist and public health specialist, Professor Neto is described by his colleagues as a wonderful author, kind and generous with everyone in need, humble in his heart, in his deep greatness, extremely intelligent, and faithful to his friends.

He was an important member to the communities of the Federal University of Cariri (UFCA) and Logos University International, where he was one of the founders of the current UFCA Library Science course, as Past Associate Professor and Director General of the International Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Department at Logos University International, Full Professor at University of São Paulo (USP) and *Doctor Honoris Causa* in Public Health from Logos University International (USA/France), and of course as a valued reviewer at Baghdad Journal of Biochemistry and Applied Biological Sciences (BJ-BABS) Board of Reviewers.

Modesto was born on August 27, 1964 in the city of Cajazeiras, State of Paraíba, Brazil. He graduated in psychology from the State University of Paraíba (UEPB), and received a Ph.D. in Health Sciences from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) with Postdoctoral fellowship in Linguistics from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) and in Public Health from the University of São Paulo (USP). He became a full Professor at the University of São Paulo and *Doctor Honoris Causa* in Public Health from Logos University International (USA/France). He contributed intensely to Brazilian and world science.

The Professor Neto joined the Federal University of Cariri (UFCA) in 2006, initially at the Campus Cariri of the Federal University of Ceará (UFC), Juazeiro do Norte. He was one of the founders of the current UFCA Library Science course, one of the first courses created by UFC, in Cariri, after the Medicine course (Barbalha, 2001). He also created the Scientific Writing Laboratory, and published and launched several books (15), several book chapters, interviews, and scientific articles (200). He maintained collaboration with national and international institutions. He was one of the biggest collaborators and supporters of the biggest International Symposium (IV International Northeastern Symposium on Neurosciences, Nutrition and Human Development (NEURONUTRI)),¹ which was dedicated to him in 2022.



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Figure 1 Professor Modesto Leite Rolim Neto (1964–2022).

He was calm, intelligent and coherent, an unconditional fan of the writer Clarice Lispector (1920-1977), left unexpectedly for eternity, leaving an example and a lot of nostalgia for everyone who knew and collaborated with him, his legacy will remain alive in our hearts.

Professor Neto was a brilliant professor and researcher, he had countless undergraduate and graduate advisees (in post-graduation too). He also was Collaborating Researcher at the Laboratory of Experimental Pathology (Lapex) and Adjunct Coordinator of the Laboratory of Scientific Writing (LABESCI of the Medical Course) in UFCA. He developed several research projects on COVID-19, mental health, clinical and social psychiatry, teaching processes and medical training of several health professionals.

We have lost a great colleague and wonderful friend. His experience, expertise and a great many suggestions were always of great value to the journal.

Professor Neto was not only a committed reviewer and an outstanding scientist, he was a person of incredible kindness and wit. He will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts go to his family.

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