

A TRIBUTE TO FRANCISCO VARELA

The present volume of *Biological Research* is dedicated to the memory of Francisco Varela, renowned Chilean scholar recently deceased in Paris (1). The issue contains a collection of papers by people who shared moments of thought and research with Francisco at different times and places during his short but remarkably productive life. The variety of issues addressed by the articles contained here aims to be no more than an unpretentious modest reflection of the wide spectrum of Francisco's intellectual interests, from Mathematics to Neuroscience, from Epistemology to Psychology. In all of the fields that Francisco explored with his well prepared and open mind he contributed with deep novel insights, that crystallized in numerous articles, comments, books and interviews. We hope that this volume, which we have entitled "A Tribute to Francisco Varela (1946-2001)" will be informative and inspiring for colleagues and students all over the world.

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