

Cumpleaños de David

15 de junio 2006



*Pues los dioses perciben los hechos futuros;
los hombres, los ya ocurridos;
los sabios, los que se aproximan.
Filóstrato*

***Juntémonos a celebrar los 76 años de nuestro
amigo en el Restaurante “La Mitad del
Mundo” (Rancagua 0398) a las 20:00 horas.***

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ArrivalTime: 12 Jun 2006 10:50:57.0843

Dear All

Thought you might want to see this nice email and photos of David's recent trip to research his latest book. Giovanni I think I heard you say that you were setting up a website and these could be good pictures to add. Loreto has been one of his assistants in this book and they went together to mining area in north of chile place called Illapel, I think around Christmas time just gone.

Lots of love

Jessica

From: "Dr. Robert W. Gore" <Gore@u.arizona.edu>
Subject: Re: Background - David L Yudilevich
To: Prof Giovanni Mann <giovanni.mann@kcl.ac.uk>

Dear Giovanni:

Thanks much.

I will see that a notice appears in the Microcirculatory Society Newsletter.

I felt so sad when I heard the news about David. I had some great and unique connections with him over the years. There was only one David and there will never be another David.

I was privileged to know him and be considered a friend by him. I wish I were in London right now. We could go to a pub and drink too much and tell stories about this very unique man.

His character was the stuff for movies and novels. A wonderfully complex man, he was. He did not miss a single thing and took all of life personally and consumed it like a fresh mellow at breakfast. I loved the guy!

Regards,
Bob

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Sent: 08 June 2006 02:52
To: Yudilevich,J,Jessica,JBM1 R; iyudilevich@btinternet.com
Subject: De loreto, ayudante de David

Estimados Jessica e Ivan,

Soy Loreto, la otra colaboradora de David. Les escribo antes que nada para darles mis condolencias y expresarles así que siento mucho la partida de David. Para mí fue un maestro y un amigo, y lo tendré siempre muy presente en mi vida.

Gabriela me ha reenviado los mensajes que intercambiaron y estoy muy contenta y agradecida de recibir las palabras generosas de ustedes, en relación al apoyo para que terminemos su libro. Pondremos todo nuestro esfuerzo y compromiso para que salga como él quería.

Acabo de terminar de revisar las fotografías de nuestro último viaje al norte, por la ruta de Darwin, en la zona minera de Illapel. Les adjunto aquí un par de imágenes, una de los dos en un liceo de Illapel donde fuimos a dar una conferencia y la otra es de David en un trapiche minero (tal Darwin de esta época), donde los pirquineros y mineros llevan a moler el mineral.

Deseándoles paz dentro de la pena que significa esta pérdida, se despide afectuosamente,

Loreto Pizarro

Date: Tue, 13 Jun 2006 18:16:39 +0100
From: "Richard Olver" <r.e.olver@dundee.ac.uk>
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Of course I know Gio but whether he knows me is another matter. Joking apart, I suspect that Gio has been very much occupied following David Yudilevich's untimely death. In parenthesis, David was a good friend to our family, not just to me. I recall a lively discussion with him and Susan in the Marquis of Granby about Darwin and they corresponded intermittently thereafter. And he was very kind to Will and George on their electives and gap year respectively in Chile. In George's case, he arranged for him and his friend to stay with his secretary (I'm not sure how pleased she was but you didn't argue with David!) and paid for their bus fares to one of the major national parks to the south which he insisted they should see before heading north.

However, to get back to the point of your email. As I understand it, this is a done deal and no intervention at this stage by players peripheral to the DH and MRC is likely to make any difference unless they have influence in the Treasury. In principle, I think it is a sensible idea but the devil will be in the detail (not to mention the funding levels). FACP is a busted flush and has no influence whatsoever but the Academy of Medical Sciences is well connected and I am sure will have made representations.

Regards,
Richard

Date: Thu, 8 Jun 2006 18:28:38 +0100
From: <mosmundson@beeb.net>
Subject: Re: Fwd: Funeral Invitation
To: Prof Giovanni Mann <giovanni.mann@kcl.ac.uk>

Dear Gio,

Just a quick note to let you know how moved I was by your farewell to David. I thought the whole ceremony was just what David would have appreciated. My only disappointment was that more old QEC colleagues didn't attend. If the little booklet you put together with Richard is available on the web can you direct me to the URL?

Let me know when you are in Oxford next and we'll have a meal or something.

best wishes,

Malcolm

From: "Bryan Eaton" <Bryan.Eaton@btinternet.com>
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Subject: Re: Funeral Invitation
Date: Sun, 11 Jun 2006 16:00:48 +0100

Hi Gio,

Many thanks for letting me know the details of David's funeral. I am sorry that I was not able to attend because I was at Putney Vale Crematorium to participate in the ceremony for one of our service users, also called David, and also with a Jewish background, who passed away the same weekend. Funny how these coincidences happen.... I hope David's ceremony went well. I'm sure there will be some memorial meetings or gatherings planned for the future when I could acknowledge the influences that David made on me all those years ago. You have maintained a much closer connection with him over the years and this must be a difficult time for you. Perhaps we could all meet up sometime to relive those stories of the "biscuits" and the "car insurance".

With my very best wishes
Bryan

Date: Mon, 12 Jun 2006 13:54:06 +0100
To: giovanni.mann@kcl.ac.uk
From: Olga Hudlicka <o.hudlicka@bham.ac.uk>
Subject: David Yudilevitch

Dear Giovanni,

I am very grateful to you for letting me know about David and thus enable me to come to his funeral. I have known and respected David not only as an outstanding scientist, but also as someone who had almost uncanny perception of the changes in political climate. I have known him since 1967 when he came for the first time to Prague where I acted as his host, on recommendation of Gene Renkin. At that time (December 1967) the political situation looked terrible, with repression everywhere. One could only talk freely walking outside, but after only a few days there David told me: "Do not worry, things will be wonderful soon". And he was right - few months later we had the Prague Spring. He came to visit us again in June 1969, ten months after the Russian occupation, saying that he had flown several thousands miles to see us and to tell us to get out of the country as soon as we can. We intended to do so in any case, but again David's evaluation of the situation was amazing. We then met after several years at the IUPS meeting in Munich in 1971 when David enthusiastically supported Allende's regime in Chile. We spent several days together and were surprised to receive a Christmas card from David: "Now you are safe in England, it is my turn". And, as you know, he came to England two years later. Although I kept little contact with David after he returned to Chile and met him only at some meetings, I will miss him as a very special person.

Olga Hudlicka I shall try to find a picture, so far I was not successful. And please let me know when you will sort out the charity.

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From: "Wright, Ernest M" <EWright@mednet.ucla.edu>
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Date: Sat, 14 Oct 2006 13:48:19 -0700

Dear Giovanni:

I just received my autumn edition of Physiology News where I found your obituary for David. I was totally unaware that he died earlier this year in

London.

I have such fond memories of David largely stemming from the time that I spent at QEC during the summer of 1977. After his retirement and return to Chile I regret to say that our paths did not cross. However, I do remember him very well as a curious, passionate, and colourful man who touched everyone in his path.

Thank you for writing such a wonderful tribute to his life.

With the very best wishes,
Sincerely

Ernie

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Date: Mon, 23 Oct 2006 21:52:13 -0700 (PDT)
From: "andrfffe9s" winkler <andrsrinkler@yahoo.com>
Subject: about David Yudilevich's pass away (message from Andr 鱈 Winkler)
To: Richard Siow <richard.siow@kcl.ac.uk>

Hello Richard: I'm not quite sure you will remember me, I'm Andr 鱈 Winkler, a student of philosophy at the University of Chile, and I also used to work with David as his assistant. Once I was at David's house doing some work, you called him and I answered the phone and talked with you. Well, I just worked sometimes, when I wasn't too busy with study and work for the university. That's why I hadn't seen David for several months, but today I went to see him and I found out that he died about two months ago in England. If you have any information about David and his last days I would be very grateful to you if you could let me know about it. For instance, when did he die, and under which circumstances? Have you had, or do you have any contact with his family in England? If you were to speak to them please let them know how sorry I feel for this loss. And another thing: how old was David? I think his age was between 75 to 80, I'd just like to know. Well, thank you for your attention to my message, goodbye.

Andreas 鱈 Winkler

Subject: FW: about David Yudilevich passing away (message from
Andrés Winkler)
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Querido Andres

I will write in English.

Thank you for your nice email. My Dad died at the end of May this year after arriving in the UK only a few days before. I saw him, we actually went to a concert together, and he was full of plans as ever with Darwin and

looking forward to going to Israel where he had been invited by the Cervantes Institute to give a talk about Darwin and Humboldt. He suddenly had a heart attack and died in hospital a few days later. It was all a terrible shock and we miss him terribly. We had a funeral in London where many of his former colleagues, friends and family came. My Dad died two weeks before his 76th birthday. Even though his eye sight was very poor he still managed to do more travelling to exciting places than most people and had an exciting and interesting life until the end. He loved the young people who worked with him on his projects in Chile and you were one of them and I heard Dad speak about you with great affection. I am still in contact with a couple of his assistants which the last time I heard were trying to finish his last book of Darwin in the North of Chile so it will be a nice tribute to him to see his third book finish. We received many nice messages from all over the world people who had met David in different situations but they all said the same that he was a one off, beaming with enthusiasm about a whole range of things from current affairs, music, culture as well as sciences and above all he loved meeting people and specially young people who he found full of energy with a "can do" attitude. You were one of those people so thank you for your friendship with David.
Con carinos

Jessica

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