



## In Honor of Dr. Nicolás Franck Berger

Dear cactus net members,

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Professor Prof. Nicolas Franck Berger passed away suddenly on 20th October 2017 from an apparent heart attack.

Dr. Nicolás Franck Berger, Associate Professor at the Facultad De Ciencias Agronómicas da Universidad de Chile, was a bright young scientist who passed away recently. Nicolás was among the most capable researcher in the new generation of cactus scientists. Along with Prof. Carmen Sáenz, Nicolás Franck was the Convener of the [IX International congress on cactus pear and cochineal](#) “CAM crops for a hotter and drier world” and General Meeting of the FAO-ICARDA International Cooperation Network on Cactus Pear and cochineal (CACTUSNET) in Chile March 26th - 30th, 2017.

Nicolás developed his career in the area of Plant Physiology and Ecophysiology and dedicated a major portion of his research for plants adapted to arid and semiarid regions, including cactus. Nicolás will be missed not only by his family, but also by all his friends and colleagues from the Cactusnet. His working ethics, dedication, intelligence, and friendship certainly will be an inspiration for all of us and for future researchers in this area.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students.

With regret,  
cactus net Family