

## Obituary

# A Tribute to Prof. Danilo Florentino Pereira

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Exceptionally, this space is now dedicated to a tribute to Prof. Dr. Danilo Florentino Pereira (in memoriam), who passed away on 30 May 2026, during the organization period for the Special Issue “Application of Antimicrobial Peptides and Natural Products as Feed Additives in Animal Production” of the journal *Agriculture*, in which he was contributing as a Guest Editor.

Professor Danilo Pereira was one of those responsible for the formation of the School of Science and Engineering (Faculdade de Ciências e Engenharia, FCE) at São Paulo State University (Unesp), Campus of Tupã. He was among the first professors hired by the newly formed school unit and a member of a group of five pioneering professors on campus (whom we affectionately called “G5”). His contributions throughout his career as a professor, researcher, and manager—having acted, among other functions, as Executive Coordinator and Director of the unit for seven years (<https://www.tupa.unesp.br/#!/sobre-o-campus/historia/galeria-de-diretores/>, accessed on 28 July 2026)—have decisively impacted the FCE development.

However, talking about Prof. Danilo is much more than listing positions or titles. He was a person who transformed ideas into projects and challenges into opportunities. His contribution was fundamental to the consolidation of the campus and the administration course, to the creation of the pioneering Biosystems Engineering course, to the strengthening of graduate studies, and to the numerous initiatives that helped build the FCE as we know today. He was a demanding teacher who was highly competent and deeply committed to the education of his students. In addition, Prof. Danilo was recognized for his ability to guide, advise, and encourage many people. He saw potential and opportunities where many of us still could not see them, and he made a point of following the professional and personal growth of those around him.

With a striking personality, firm opinions, and an unforgettable presence, he never went unnoticed. At the same time, he was someone who genuinely cared about people, and cultivated true relationships built on respect, trust, and care.

If we can define him by a concept, it will certainly be his legacy. Because true management is not only measured by the results achieved, but by the structures we build, the



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people we train, and the marks we leave for the future. Therefore, his legacy will remain alive in the history of the FCE, the trajectory of his students, the conducted research, his colleagues and friends, and everything he helped to achieve.

With our great respect, admiration, and gratitude, we dedicate this Special Issue as a tribute in your honor.

Prof. Eduardo Festozo Vicente

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