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**In Memoriam
Maria Ester Martínez Sanz**

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On January, 6th 2011, Maria Ester Martínez left us.

After her first studies at the UC, Professor Martínez obtained Master of Arts (1971) at the University of Wisconsin- Madison and a PH.D (1988) at the University of Indiana. Her solid

formation and passionate and generous spirit allowed her to play a fundamental role in the creation of the Instituto de Letras UC in 1971, and in its subsequent transformation into a faculty.

Academic Secretary of the Instituto de Letras UC in three opportunities and of the Facultad de Letras from 1991 to 1996, she also directed the Literature Department, actively participated in the creation of the academic journal *Taller de Letras*, being its Director during more than a decade. She obtained the support of the Fulbright Foundation in order to create the programme of MA in American Literature and Civilization in our university, being also its first director. She endeavoured to establish the prestigious prize José Nuez Martín, currently given to a renowned writer every year.

Her commitment to literary studies granted her the opportunity to form a team of outstanding researchers and former students, giving birth, as a result, to numerous books, translations and academic publications.

Her main legacy, however, is her uninterested devotedness to her students and her decided attitude woke up in them a unique awareness regarding the challenges inherent to their human and professional growth—an attitude that she characteristically shared with all the true masters— which is the main reason she will be remembered by many generations of students.

An exemplary academic and a great friend has left us, from whom we learnt the importance of a well-done work and the value of facing life with generosity.

Beatriz Kase
Susana Bunster
María Isabel Mizón
María Cristina Arancibia
Carmen Luz Fuentes-Vásquez

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