

## **Dr. Fernando Pla-Barby**

**Professor, Ph.D., 1978, University of Texas, Austin.**

**Dr. Fernando Pla has served the engineering profession and Puerto Rico for almost 40 years. He has been a student, soldier, educator, trainer, consultant and island activist. His commitment to educational leadership and professional services through ASME and the Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico has been recognized by both with distinguished awards. Through his long tenure at the University of Puerto Rico he has been a role model for engineers, faculty and students.**

**As a leader and director, he has built the mechanical engineering department at UPRM and guided the college through ABET reviews. For more than 20 years, he has been a consultant to industry in the design of solar energy systems and in the development and training of personnel for major corporations on the island. Pla Barby is active in retaining the history of engineering on the island of Puerto Rico as well as contributing to leadership roles in the social and welfare aspects there. Ph.D. (1978), University of Texas.**

**The President of ASME International, Ms. Susan Skemp, awarded ASME Fellow to Dr. Fernando E. Plá Barby. An awards activity was held Saturday October 12, 2002 in the new *Colegio Ingenieros y Agrimesores* building in Mayagüez to honor Dr. Plá Barby. Dr. Pla Barby is the fourth ASME Fellow from Puerto Rico.**

**Since 2006, Dr. Pla is one of the faculty advisors of the Solar Decathlon UPRM Team.**

**Actually Dr. Fernando Plá is a retired professor of INME since January 2007.**