

In Memoriam
ENRIQUE R. ARIAS
September 13, 1918 - January 1, 2002

The sugar industry was deeply saddened by the loss of Enrique R. Arias on January 1, 2002.

Mr. Arias was the Executive Vice President of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida before his retirement in June 1994.

Born in Havana, Cuba in 1918, his expertise in the sugar business goes back to his roots. Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Arias attended the University of Notre Dame where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1940 and later returned to Cuba where he studied sugar chemistry and sugar engineering at the University of Havana. His first work in the sugar industry was with the Arechabala group which owned and operated a sugar based industrial complex and two sugar mills in the Province of Matanzas, Cuba.

In 1957, he founded the Industrial Service and Construction Company and led the field in the conversion of raw sugar handling from bags to bulk.

Mr. Arias moved his family to the United States in October 1960. In 1961 he joined Farrel Birmingham Company of Ansonia, Connecticut and was moved to Florida to become the Resident Manager for the construction of Glades Sugar House owned by the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida.

Upon completion of the project he joined the National Sugar Refining Company as Director of Project Engineering and successively held the positions of Director of Planning, Vice President Planning and Vice President Operations.

In 1970, Mr. Arias joined the staff of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida as Vice President Planning and later became Executive Vice President. He managed the feasibility studies, engineering and construction functions to increase the capacity of Glades Sugar House in several steps from 10,000 tons per day to 13,000, 18,000 and 21,000 tons per day.

At the Port of Palm Beach, Mr. Arias directed the design, construction and operation of the bulk sugar shipment facilities of the Florida Sugar Marketing and Terminal Association and the expansion of the molasses shipping facilities of the Florida Molasses Exchange.

He was active in many professional and sugar-related organizations including chairing the Florida Sugar Cane League's Environmental Quality Technical Sub-Committee and the technical committee of the Florida Sugar Marketing & Terminal Association. He was past-president of the Cuban Association of Sugar Technologists and of the Florida Division of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists and past chairman of the Finance Committee of the Sugar Industry Technologists (SIT) and of the Industrial Development Research Council, Inc. He was a member of the Board of Directors and sat on the Executive and Nominating Committees for the Sugar Association Inc. and was a member of the Cuban Association of Agronomical and Sugar Engineers, the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists, and the U.S. National Committee of the International Commission for the

Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis. He was also the past-president of Sugar Processing Research Institute Inc. (SPRI).

Mr. Arias received the Sugar Industry Technologists' Crystal Award for achievements in sugar technology in 1991. He was awarded an honorary lifetime membership of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists in 1988.

The members of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists will long remember Mr. Arias with admiration for his contributions to the sugar industry.