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## Some notes on “Giga” STEBNICKA

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My wife, Prof. Maria Angeles MARCOS-GARCÍA, and me were fortunate to meet several times Dr. STEBNICKA (Giga for Her friends) in Spain. We had the opportunity to work with Her during six different research periods. Before 1990, when Maria Angeles and me were at the University of Salamanca, during three periods in 1985-1990 we had the pleasure to participate with Giga at the field works in Spain along the Cantabrian Mountains and Sistema Central Mountain Range, collecting and studying Coleoptera, mainly the species of Aphodiidae. We continued our collaboration with Giga also later, after 1990, when Maria Angeles and me moved to the University of Alicante. She was a visiting professor of the University of Alicante during three periods (1992, 1996 and 2002). She worked with our Entomological research group studying the Aphodiini species in the Research Projects we had on Mediterranean ecosystems and the Neotropics.

We always remember Giga participating enthusiastically in all our scientific activities and resolving many questions about our research projects. The last time she visited us, we had the opportunity to travel with her to Zamora to assist the X Iberian Congress of Entomology. Really Giga was an exceptional scientist, but for us She was principally a very special friend integrated into our family.

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