

## **JOAQUIN MONTORIOL POUS. 30-5-1924 - 11-2-2011**



Born in Barcelona in 1924. Geologist, Professor of Crystallography and Mineralogy, vice-rector of the University of Barcelona. In 1939 descends the sinkhole of Codoleda, Barcelona. Together with Rovira, Vicens and Termes founded the Grup d'Exploracions Subterrànies del C.M.Barcelonés, (1948). During 1950-1953 he was president of this group. He was also president of the Regional Committee of the Underground Explorations F.C.M. (1964-1965), among others. He worked assiduously in the journal *Speleon* (1950 to 1983) and attended numerous international conferences. In 1961 he began his studies focused on vulcanospeleology in Lanzarote (Canary Islands) as head of the scientific research expedition in volcanic caves in Iceland 1967, 1975 Galapagos Islands, Faroe 1977, Rwanda 1977, etc..

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