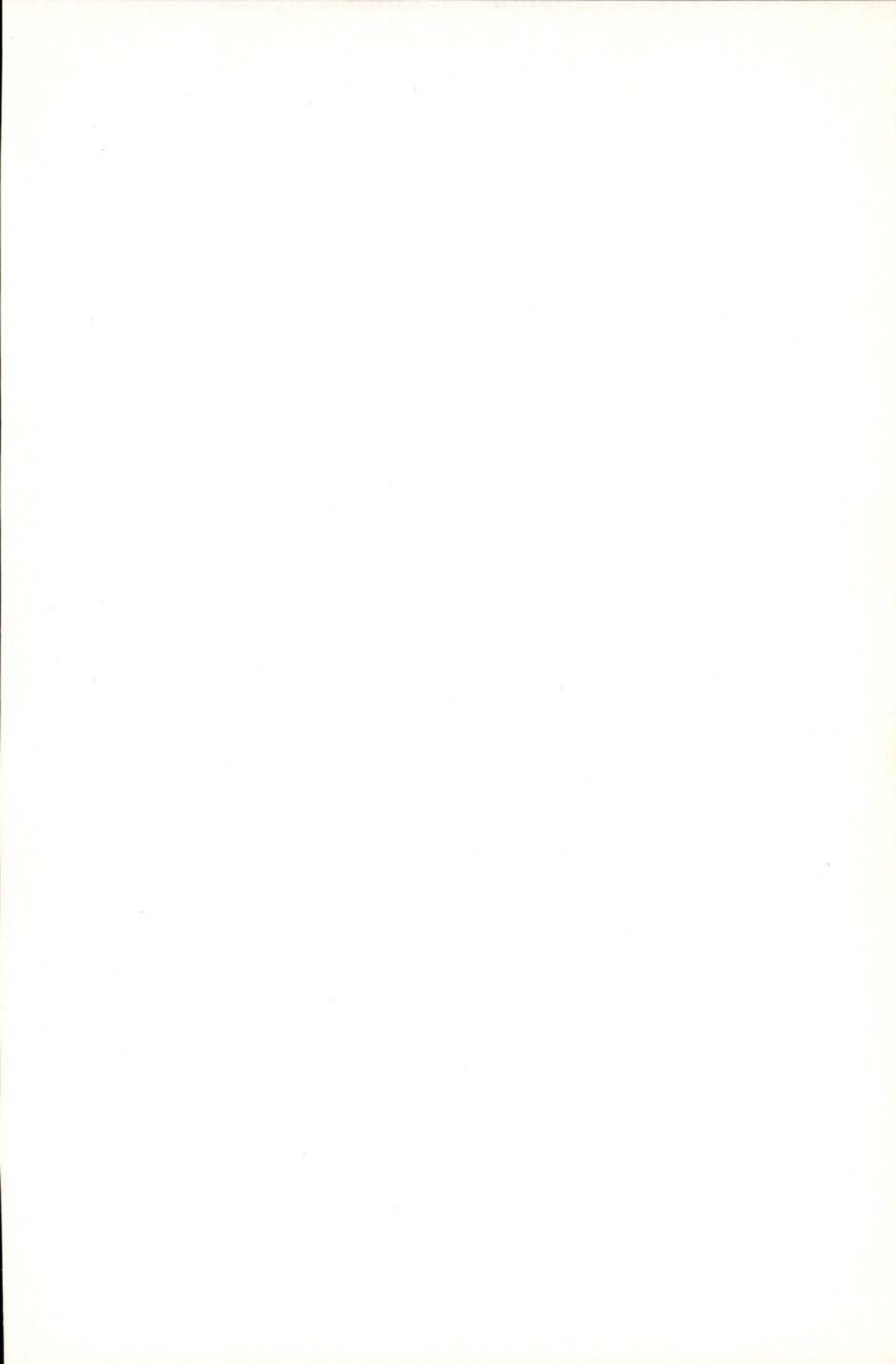




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MANUEL VALADARES

1904 - 1982

Few Portuguese names stand out, in the field of Atomic and Nuclear Physics, as brightly as that of Manuel Valadares.

Born in Lisbon, on February 26th, 1904, Manuel José Nogueira Valadares studied Physics in the Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, where he later became a lecturer, after post-graduate studies in France.

He received his fundamental research training at the "Laboratoire Curie", Paris, obtaining his PhD in 1933, under Mme Pierre Curie; he was awarded the mention "très honorable" for his thesis "Contribution à la spectrographie, par diffraction cristalline, du rayonnement gamma". During his stay in France he worked also with Dr. S. Rosenblum in the "Laboratoire de l'Aimant Permanent", Bellevue.

In 1940 he moved to Italy, where he carried out research in the "Istituto di Volta" and in the "Laboratorio di Fisica dell'Istituto di Sanità Pubblica".

Having returned to Portugal in 1941, he played a fundamental role in starting Atomic and Nuclear research at the "Laboratório de Física" of the Faculty of Science, Lisbon. Some graduate students obtained their PhD under his supervision and profited by his helpful advice and instructive criticism.

In June 1947 he was dismissed due to increasingly oppressive government measures and, invited by Mme Joliot-Curie, went to France, where he held several academic positions with great success.

Manuel Valadares soon became "Maître de Recherches" and, in 1957, was appointed "Directeur de Recherches". He was "Directeur du Centre de Spéctrométrie Nucléaire et de Spéctrométrie de Masse", Orsay, until 1968, when he wrote a letter of resignation to the "Directeur du C.N.R.S.".

He worked with S. Rosenblum on the development of a technique of magnetic alpha spectrometry and proposed, with him, disintegration schemes for some nuclides.

X-Ray spectroscopy techniques were used by him for the study of L satellites on heavy elements and L radiation intensities.

Manuel Valadares published, often in collaboration with his colleagues or students, over 70 papers, concerned mostly with his research in experimental Atomic and Nuclear Physics; but he was also concerned with problems of history of physics, science policy, application of physics to the study of works of art, etc.

He was widely respected for his modesty and probity and had profound influence on many scientists, who benefited both from his sound advice and his personal prestige.

He was awarded many honours:

"Prémio Artur Malheiros" from the "Academia de Ciências de Lisboa" (1930) for his work "Análise, por espectrografia de Raios X, de transmutações naturais e provocadas";

"Prix La Caze" from the "Académie des Sciences de Paris" (1966), in recognition for his research in alpha radiation spectrometry;

Degree "Doctor Honoris Causa" from the University of Lisbon (1981);

He was appointed, in 1969, by the "Directoire du C.N.R.S.", "Directeur Honoraire du Centre de Spéctrométrie Nucléaire et de Spéctrométrie de Masse".

He was elected honorary member of the Portuguese Physical Society on the occasion of its First National Conference (1978).

The Portuguese government conferred on Prof. Manuel Valadares, in 1979, the "Grau de Grande Oficial da Ordem Militar de Sant'Iago da Espada"; this honour was bestowed upon him in recognition of services rendered to his country.

Manuel Valadares died on the 31st of October, 1982, at the age of 78, in Paris. His contribution to Atomic and Nuclear Physics was highly regarded and his role as a scientist was, in many instances, of the highest importance; Manuel Valadares was one of the founders of *Portugalae Physica*.

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