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Dear colleagues,

I would like to start challenging the audience here today...

Please, raise your hand those of you who do not know who Erik Dietzenbacher is in the field of input-output economics?

Well, as I expected, the majority of you already know that Erik Dietzenbacher:

- has co-edited 5 books and published more than 60 articles in refereed scientific journals;
- that he has been the editor of ESR from 1998 to 2008;
- that he has been responsible for the scientific program committee of input-output conferences like those of New York, Montreal, Sendai and Sao Paulo;
- that he is Full Professor of Inter-industry economics at the University of Groningen;
- that he is also affiliate research professor at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois;

... and believe me, I could continue for hours numbering the achievements made by our dear colleague Erik Dietzenbacher during the last three decades.

But I don't want to do that. Instead, I would like to talk in this presentation about some of those of his achievements that will surely never appear in his curricula and the reasons why the Hispanic-American Input-Output Society decided to honour him here today. They all can be summarized in one single word:
THANKS

Thanks for your:

- **T**rust put into the emerging input-output group formed in Oviedo more than 6 years ago by a small group of researchers in Spain and further extended into what we know today as the Hispanic-American Input-Output Society;

Thanks for your:

- **H**elp provided to many of us: Miguel Ángel Tarancón, Mónica Serrano, Isidoro Romero, Esther Velázquez and ultimately, Esteban Fernández, Antonio Amores and myself, who co-author or will co-author scientific papers with you. Let's hope the list will keep growing.

Thanks for:

- **A**ccepting to honour our late input-output master Emilio Fontela by publishing his obituary in Economic Systems Research;

Thanks for:

- **N**ever saying a discouraging word to our Spanish speaking colleagues who frequently and persistently approach you for assistance...

Thanks for your:

- **K**indness for having accepted our invitation today and staying here to guide our Spanish speaking young and not so young colleagues

And to make the **THANKS** complete, please:

- **S**tay in touch with the Hispanic-American Input-Output Society because it needs your expertise and inspiration

So, once again, thanks for all, Erik, the floor is yours...

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