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**Maxlimer Coromoto Vallee Anziani**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend, alumna, and colleague, Maxlimer Coromoto Vallee Anziani (born December 8, 1983). Maxlimer, who was known simply as Max to her friends, passed away on January 24, 2017 following an automotive accident in Canada, where she was living. She is survived by her husband, Andrei Ichaso, and her family.

Max devoted her life to meaningful work and caring relationships. She arrived at the University of New Hampshire in 2014 from Venezuela as a General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) student. She was dedicated to her research and in 2015 she completed her Graduate Certificate program in Ocean Engineering, after which she worked as a Research Assistant in the Chase Ocean Engineering Laboratory in the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (CCOM).

During her time working at CCOM, Max made an impact on all who knew her. Zach McAvoy, Research Technician III, recalls being “inspired by her scientific acumen, and her tireless ability to tackle challenges.” According to Zach, “her diverse background in geological sciences and ocean mapping

made her a perfect fit for working at CCOM and a critical part of our efforts in seafloor characterization.” He remembers her as being “approachable and compassionate,” and caring deeply for her husband, family, and friends.

After completing her GEBCO year, Max was offered a research position working with Dr. Larry Ward, Research Associate Professor. “From the very beginning she made important contributions and brought new perspectives,” notes Dr. Ward. “In addition to our research program, and perhaps more importantly, was Max’s consistent efforts to make those around her more comfortable. She was always upbeat, willing to help others, and generous.”

Max kept close ties to her friends and colleagues, even after finishing her time at UNH. “She was going to be the chair of the alumni association for the GEBCO training program,” remarks Dr. Rochelle Wigley, GEBCO Project Director. The friendships she made during her time at UNH were deeply meaningful to her, with many of her colleagues attending her wedding in the summer of 2016.

Tiziana Munene, a close friend of Max’s, describes her as “the kind of friend and sister you always dreamed of, but never imagined could exist. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone she met.” Tiziana, who served as a bridesmaid in Max and Andrei’s wedding, adds “I watched them grow as a couple and it always inspired me. They were both blessed to have each other.”

Despite her untimely passing, Maxlimer’s legacy will live on through her dedication to her work and the memories of those who knew and loved her. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends during this difficult time.

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