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Born in 1963, Jose got a degree of electronics engineering in 1990 and started working in electronic products development for the fire detection and alarm market. In 2000 he joined an American company Tier 1 in the automotive electronics market, until today.

All his learning was done using electronic calculators with no mention to slide rules. However, it is true that he had seen some "strange artefacts" when young at some specialized shops. But it was not until his years in the university that his father bought him his first slide rule, although as an antique at a flea market.

By those days he found very little information on slide rules, even looking in the library of his university. He had to wait until Internet was global to access www.reglasdecalculo.com, E-Bay and specialized websites from other countries like UK, Germany and USA (including ISRM).

Thus, he became member of the Spanish association ARC and started participating in www.arc.reglasdecalculo.org, collaborating in making all the slide rule know-how accessible to the Spanish-speaking people.

On the other hand, all his activities in slide rules have also had the double objective to be in Spanish and English, to make them available to as many people as possible. In this sense, he was very proud of discovering a Spanish manufacturer of slide rules, Salip, and of getting the respective article (a pair of them) published in the UKSRC magazine. He has also presented at several IMs.

In the attached Excel sheet there is a list of his original articles and of his translations between English and Spanish. He is currently working in a translation of two articles on PY-LO slide rule from German into English and Spanish.

Finally, also referenced in the Excel sheet, he has developed some fully working diy prototypes of slide rules, and some pictures of slide rule collections to be put in mugs.

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