

Dear Pierre

I wish I could be in Paris honoring your memory and your presence these days. Unfortunately I am so far away, in the US, a country that you knew so well, that I cannot afford to travel physically to Paris. I still remember when we met for the first time at CERN, so early as in the late eighties, where more than collaborators, we were competitors in the field of the effective potential in superstring models, a field in which you were working with Mary K., Sally and Ian. For a moment I pretended to compete with you guys and I soon realized that a collaboration where you, Pierre, were participating was unbeatable. So I gave up and decided that progress would only come from your work and started to follow your paper.

This event was the starting point of a very nice friendship and very many scientific discussions in which whenever we did not agree you were always right. For me it was a privilege to be your colleague and your friend as you were able, not only to compete at the highest level in physics, but also to create administrative frameworks for the advantage of present and future young generations. Even if you left us, the scientific seed you implanted is being used worldwide and your memory will endure forever.

Pierre, whenever you are now, you will always be in our hearts.

Your friend
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