It has been a sad one-and-half year for hep-th, with the premature passing away of several distinguished members of this community.
Pierre was a man of synthesis

He had a unique combination of talents/qualities for this:

He had

— very broad interests encompassing two infinities,

— a `nose' for the directions that physics would take,

— energy and taste for community service (O2, GDR, APC . . )

He created bridges, reminding us how important it is work to maintain these (INP-IN2P3-INSU)
Pierre was a theorist at heart, but more insistent/(pressed?) than many to see beautiful ideas realized in the laboratory.

Theorists in our fields often tend to forget an important time scale that cannot (unfortunately) be completely ignored: human lifetime.

Pierre did live long enough to see the discoveries of:

- the Brout-Englert-Higgs boson
  - 1964 ← 2012

- Gravitational Waves
  - Einstein, Über Gravitationswellen
  - 1918 ← 2015
he just fell short of witnessing the smoking-gun evidence for:

**Susy/Superstring Unification**

| 1968 |   | 20xx |

but his nose will prove most likely again right!