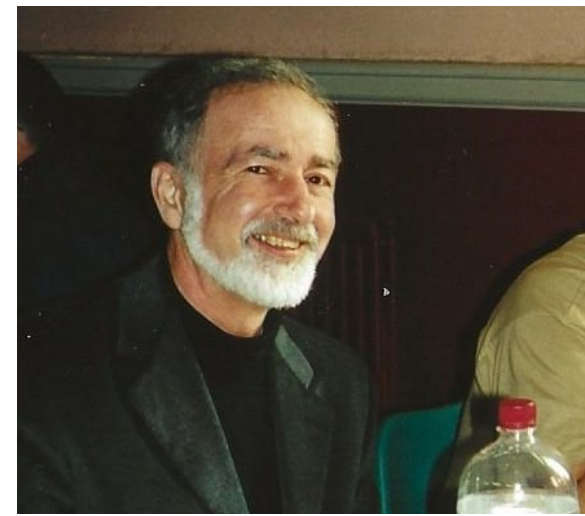


Greetings from friends
Who couldn't be here

Mike Tyndel

Best wishes for the next stage of your life. You have made major contributions to physics and semiconductor instrumentation which you should be proud of. I consider myself lucky to have had you as a colleague and friend for so long. We had a good crack at discovering the meaning of "life, the universe and everything", both while working and also relaxing over a pint.

Keep in touch



Juan Fuster



First of all, let me apologise for not being in person at your symposium to honour your retirement and to recognize your career achievements. These days it is difficult for me to travel. I hope however to be able to transmit through these words the deep feelings of our long friendship and to bring back to your memory moments of our intense scientific cooperation in DELPHI and in ATLAS.

We shared the period of our lives in which we stabilized ourselves, started our own projects and brought-up our families. Our minds were plenty of dreams and we were convinced to realise them. Do you remember the UK-Valencia cluster? your sabbatical in Valencia? Our colleagues and friends? We were faced to almost as many new experiences as beers we drank together. The Valencia group at IFIC, will always remain in debt with you for your crucial support to the success of our contribution to the ATLAS Semiconductor Tracker and to the later evolution of the group on the development of Silicon detectors. I still remember your sentence when we first broke a module, "now you are becoming real experts", you said.

I wish you spend a wonderful day in company of your family, Karole, George and Toby surrounded by good friends and colleagues. Enjoy it.

Receive all our love from María José and myself, Juan

Roger Jones



I am very sorry not to be able to attend today - I have to be at the sort of council/Senate strategy meeting that makes me contemplate my own retirement.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Phil since our PhD experiment, WA21 and E632 (back when neutrinos were unfashionable). He was a great guide in both physics and beer! And as a vegetarian, I am still recovering from watching him create a beef heart curry while we stayed in 3 Sauk Circle (FNAL). With the brief exception of his time on DELPHI we have been co-collaborators ever since, on OPAL and ATLAS. It has been a joy to watch him transform from one of my favourite TV characters (Catweasle anyone?) into the distinguished statesman of the community we celebrate today ;-)

What the community will most miss is he sound good sense and a clear vision of the future of our physics and of the technologies we need to get there. If he could continue to contribute in whatever way he finds agreeable, we would all benefit - and if he takes the time for himself, no one could begrudge it. I'll miss a friendly and wise head at work. I wish him all the best

Dusan Radojicic

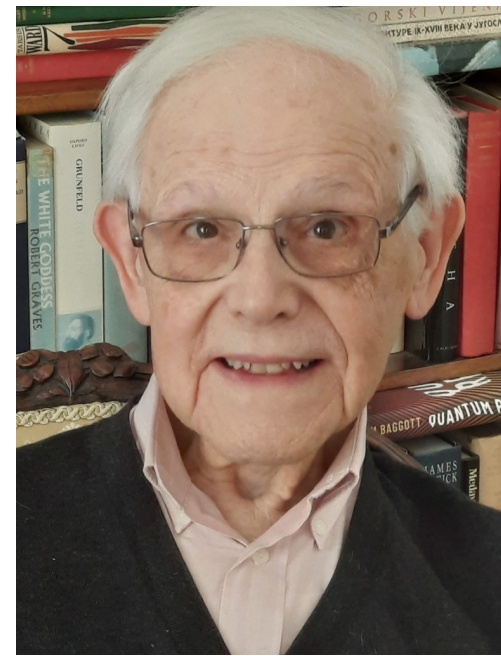
Dear Phil,

I have heard that you are retiring from your formal duties at Birmingham University and that an “Allport -fest” will be held on 27 January in Birmingham. I am writing this letter to wish you all the best in your retirement which I am sure will be a very active one and to express my regret that I will not be able to attend the fest. The reason is my advanced age and poor health.

I have very fond memories of my work with you as your DPhil supervisor 1983 - 1986. You were an exceptionally able and interesting student. Among other things, I remember that we had discussions of various topics in the philosophy of science in addition to discussions of your thesis work.

All the best wishes.

Yours Dusan



Stuart Green

I started working with Phil when he was in Liverpool and it was clear from the start that he brought exceptional abilities - scientifically and technically of course - but also with all the skills that you need to work with people to deliver on really complex projects. There are people that you meet who are just a pleasure to work with - and Phil is certainly one of those.

However what is particularly unusual about Phil is that he seems to have a complete "next level" that he can operate on when the pressure is on to deliver something important. Such people leave you with a sense of awe and great appreciation that they are on your team! Of course all that means that Phil will be impossible to replace and will be very greatly missed, but I hope he has a wonderful retirement.



Chris Parkes



Dear Phil,

All those of us who've worked on silicon systems in the UK appreciate how much you have contributed to the community. I've benefitted greatly from your advice over the years, from DELPHI days through the LHC era. I'm hosting a visit at CERN and can't be with you but hope you have a great day

Max and Uta Klein

Dear Phil

A Tribute to Professor Phil Allport, on the Occasion of the Phil Fest, Birmingham + Liverpool, 27.1.23

We have had a wonderful time together, we admired your ground floor realm, we met in the 4th floor at B40, we wondered about some 5th floor decision and only we know about a 6th floor and its healing view on the University. When Uta and I came to perhaps join Liverpool, in summer 2006, you received us cordially albeit we had never met before. It was clear to us, it would be interesting, demanding and yet a pleasure to work with you, who was leading with Neil an impressive group of talent and expertise. You invited us to strengthen it, join it and feel free in doing that. So we both joined ATLAS at Liverpool, and never regretted it. In fact it was a new world, it meant academic freedom as a real principle, and so we felt supported in what we did on ATLAS, for ATLAS and beyond. At some point you decided a young man shall be able to move, a much respected albeit also regretted decision which had no influence on our long friendship, which had several highlights, not least the English barbecue in Hoylake, when all eat and one gets wet, or the funny visit to Conwy Castle. We have been impressed by your knowledge, expertise, language, work ethics, social and professional skills, which we could admire and see in your roles at Liverpool as ATLAS team and HEP group leader, never forgetting to work yourself, as ATLAS Upgrade Coordinator and very recently in your outstanding role as European Detector R&D Coordinator.



The photographer in the window. 9/22

In case you wonder about the pictures: you and Karole keep having a standing invitation to our garden.

The other picture is obvious: take a small break and then see that with certain age new roles may appear, do not hesitate to accept these.

All the very best, many congratulations to all you did, we notice your PDF background, be happy, healthy stay on as you like, time is now for genuine freedom.

With sincere, cordial thanks, yours Max and Uta,
unfortunately missing to be with all in person
whom we wish to send regards too. Enjoy the day!



Directions to Dinner

Lloyd Suite,
Hornton Grange
Drinks from 7pm

