

Greetings

Guy Paic

Dear Roman,,

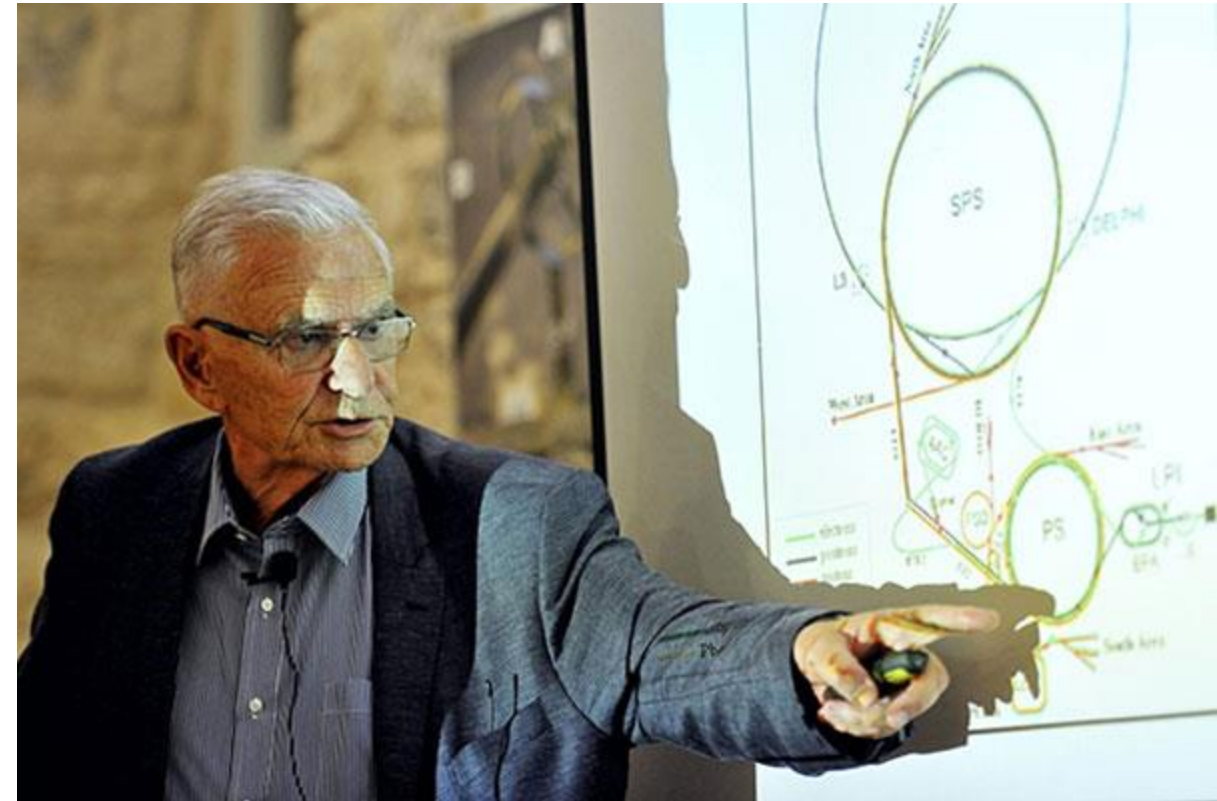
First let me congratulate you on the initiative.

Orlando has been an enthusiastic leader of the group, a successful director of various thesis and a wonderful person. Unfortunately I will be in Zagreb in visit at the time of the FEST.

Please transmit my best wishes for a long and agreeable retirement.

Cheers

Guy



Emanuele Quercigh

Dear Roman,

Thank you for the kind invitation to the Orlando's fest! I find that his contribution to both proton and heavy ion physics at the Cern SPS, has been really remarkable. My opinion is also the same for his contribution to the Alice LHC experiment, after my retirement in 2000.

Best Regards to you, Orlando and to all the Bham Group!

Your old Colleague,

Emanuele Quercigh



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To: Orlando Villalobos-Baille
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Dear Orlando,

On the occasion of the fest organized for you by the colleagues at Physics Department of Birmingham, I would like to send the warm greetings of the Athens group to a very good friend and many thanks to the excellent physicist who has been supporting us for more than 40 years.

For about 20 years (1980-2000) our groups, from Physics Department of Birmingham and Physics Department of Athens University, have been involved in the fixed target experiments of the OMEGA spectrometer at CERN.

I am sure that our colleagues will present your important and solid scientific output in these activities and the interesting results extracted and published out of them.

From my side, I would like to recall your participation in a few 'pictures' and important moments on the effort of the Athens group to continue the research activity and produce reliable Physics results. For example, I do not forget the first impression from the OMEGA experimental area and the control rooms, with the huge number of counters and cables, and you with your colleagues controlling a full experiment. In the eyes of a 'Bubble Chamber Physicist' it was a magic situation.

An important step it has been your participation in the experiment (OMEGA-WA83) which has been the responsibility of our small Athens group for about 15 years. We worked on 'an unexpected excess of Soft Photons' in Hadronic Interactions (WA83, 91 and 102 exp. at CERN/SPS). Birmingham group has jointed our effort on this study. Your contribution has been very important for our group. I remember the long discussions in our CERN offices (corridor of Bat 13-1). For this topic, a British-Greek program (1998-2000, British council-University of Athens) was successful, based on your well written application. This program gave me the opportunity to visit your Department in Birmingham and appreciate the hospitality and pleasant work in your environment.

The Birmingham group has been one of the basic teams of the ALICE collaboration and has always an excellent contribution. Since 2001 the Athens group, with your suggestion and help, has jointed the Heavy Ion projects at CERN, first NA57 collaboration at CERN/SPS and since 2003 the ALICE collaboration at CERN/LHC. Following Karel Safarik's idea, the ALICE Physics coordinator at that time, together with your support, we have undertaken the responsibility of charged kaon (pion) identification by their weak decays inside the ALICE TPC detector (kink topology). Our group, the only Greek team participating in ALICE, has developed the appropriate algorithm for kaon (pion) PID and it is contributing with reliable results in a number of ALICE publications until now.

You have been present in all our step-decisions, with a suitable advise for a small group. Many times we have discussed on Physics or technical questions and you have given a very clear answer, in a calm and polite way.

Often I remember our discussions at the coffee time at CERN not only about our current Physics projects but also about our families.

With this short history, I wanted just to recall a few points of our common research activities and to express our gratitude for your help during all these years.

I wish you a happy and healthy life, with your family and your friends.

Sincerely yours,



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