Two sad news since last GA:

Dear President Michel Spiro,

It is with the deepest sorrow that we write to inform you that Professor Guang-Zhao Zhou (Kuang-Chao Chou), who served as a Vice President of IUPAP from 1993 to 1999, passed away on August 17, 2024. He is survived by his daughter Ying Zhou with her family.

Professor Zhou was a renowned Chinese physicist and was a former director of our institute and a former president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He received a national reward in 1999 for his remarkable contributions to the development of China's first atomic and hydrogen bombs. In his distinguished career, Professor Zhou served as chairman of the China Association for Science and Technology and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the 9th National People's Congress.

We all have loved him deeply and we will miss him forever.

A memorial meeting will be held on August 30, 2024. You are cordially invited to join us. If you cannot and you want to express your condolences, please let us know.

With our best regards,

Shan-Gui, on behalf of Directorate of ITP (Director, Shan-Gui Zhou; Deputy Director, Zhi-Jun Fan; Deputy Director, Yu-Feng Zhou)

I transmitted our condolences on behalf of IUPAP.

By the way I gave an address on behalf of IUPAP, at the occasion of the memorial of Nobel Laureate Prof TD Lee, the co-inventor of parity violation in weak interactions, who passed away this year.

Another sad news

Dear Professor Spiro,

With big regret I would like to inform you that Academician Alexander Petrov, the Chair of the Bulgarian Liaison Committee of IUPAP, passed away on 21 September 2024. Without any doubt, we lost one of the brilliant Bulgarian physicist and the Honorary Chair of the Union of Physicists in Bulgaria.

Best regards,

Mitko Gaidarov

Member of Bulgarian Liaison Committee and Member of C12 Commission of IUPAP

I also transmitted our condolences on behalf of IUPAP.

To finish on an optimistic note

I am sure that there are good news with babies this year (your sons, daughters, grand children), who will become great physicists, but we are not yet informed.

Congratulations to Kuijuan Jin, elected at CAS

Apologies from Bruce were received and accepted