

Memories for the Guido Altarelli memorial
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Dear Monica,
Dear friends and colleagues,

I would like to say some words about our friendship with Guido and his contribution to Moriond and Vietnam.

Guido came for the first time in Moriond in 1973, a year before his famous paper on evolution equations with Giorgio Parisi. It was a time when Moriond is still a small gathering in Europe and his continuous and very active participation (1973, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, etc ... and especially the four last years) helps Moriond to get an international stature and become one of the leading conferences in High Energy Physics. Last year, he gave the overview of the life of Moriond during the last fifty years, showing how Moriond have accompanied the progress of particle physics during these golden years. Getting Moriond as it is today, the Moriond organizers owe him a deep gratitude.

But Moriond is not only Moriond. Moriond gave birth to the Rencontres de Blois and the Rencontres du Vietnam.

In 1993, for the first time in Vietnam, we have tried to organize a high level conference in Particle Physics and Astrophysics in Hanoi.

As you may know, starting something new is always difficult. I must say that the participation of Monica and Guido to the founding Rencontres in Vietnam is really crucial for the development of HEP in Vietnam.

Monica and Guido have actively participated and together with Jack Steinberger, Guido Martinelli, Felicitas and Daniel Treille and others, discuss with me how to develop science in Vietnam. With their advices, we founded later with Patrick Aurenche and Jean-Marie Frere the Vietnam School of Physics, which welcomes every year about fifty vietnamese and ASEAN students.

Many Rencontres du Vietnam were organized since 1993, Guido is always behind our organization giving precious advices. For the 20th anniversary of the Rencontres du Vietnam, we have inaugurated together with Monica and Guido, the International Centre for Interdisciplinary Science and Education(ICISE) in Quy nhon and Guido has accepted to give the theoretical keynote lecture on the opening session.

Kim and myself, we would like on this occasion express our gratitude to Guido and Monica for their friendship and for accompanying us during the 42 years in building the reputation of Rencontres de Moriond, Blois and Vietnam.