

IN MEMORY OF GUIDO ALTARELLI

Hello Everyone,

On this Occasion, honoring the memory of Guido Altarelli, let me say that Guido, to me, was somehow unique- a dear friend, a great physicist, and a human being par excellence, who had the admiration of all who came to know him. Thus his passing away has created a vacuum in our hearts and in the physics world that can never be filled.

I may mention that I had three email exchanges with Guido just about a month before he passed away, when I was unaware of the seriousness of his illness. In these exchanges, we shared some of the happy moments of our lives that we had together during conferences and summer schools, including a hike in the village Pokhra in Nepal at the foot of the MacchaPuchhre peak belonging to the Himalayan range; and on another occasion, our overlap at the city of Bhubaneswar in the east part of India, where I took Guido to a few neighboring temples to show him the beautiful sculptures on stone, a thousand years old; and then on a separate Occasion, his and his daughter Giulia's visit with members of my family at my son's home, here in California.

In these emails, as in the past, we also exchanged views on physics including those on grand unification, and on the question of whether SUSY ought to be found at the LHC. I won't go into this in the interest of time. To sum up, Guido, to me, was an extraordinary physicist of very fine and high taste who loved things of beauty and simplicity; at the same time, he was of a practical nature trying to find ways of testing the lofty ideas precisely.

In closing let me say that, while Guido is no more, he will continue to live in our hearts because of his kind and human nature, and also because of his invaluable contributions to our field that will last.

With these words, I would like to wish Monica, and the members of Guido and Monica's family, well in the years to come, and would like them to know that as much as they will be missing Guido, they won't be alone. The world of physics to which Guido contributed so much will be with them.

THANK YOU.

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