It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Roger Hess of Geneva.

Following his doctorate from ETH Zurich and a postdoctoral period at Columbia, he joined the University of Geneva in 1969. He then embarked on a series of key experiments which compared data with models of the nucleon-nucleon interaction. With the Medium Energy Group, he investigated nucleon-nucleon scattering using beams of polarized neutrons and a polarized nucleon target. These experiments at the Swiss SIN/PSI Laboratory provided the first data for a full reconstruction of nucleon-nucleon scattering amplitudes.

Similar measurements were made at SATURNE energies in a collaboration with Saclay. In a LEAR collaboration, the Geneva group went on to study antiproton scattering using a polarized nucleon target. These experiments are key reference points for the nucleon-nucleon interaction.

Roger Hess placed great importance on the teaching of physics and computing. Dedicated to the life of the university, he creditably carried out many university and departmental responsibilities.

As expressed in numerous messages of sympathy, we have lost a dedicated colleague and the scientific community an outstanding personality.