British theoretician Paul Matthews died after a road accident in February. Maturing in the heady days of modern field theory in the 1950s, he made many important contributions to its development. After work at Princeton, Cambridge, Birmingham and Rochester, he developed, with Abdus Salam, an influential theory school at London's Imperial College. At CERN, he was a member of the Scientific Policy Committee from 1972-77. An outstanding teacher and far-sighted administrator who also found time to write several books, he chose after his retirement to return to Cambridge, quietly to pursue physics.