The prominent Russian physicist Alexander Alexandrovich Pomansky died on 9 April in the village of Neutrino in the Baksan valley, North Caucasus.

At the Lebedev Institutes and then at the Institute for Nuclear Research of the Russian Academy of Sciences, he made key contributions to cosmic ray and neutrino physics and to astrophysics. One of the pioneers of radiochemical gallium-germanium and lithium-beryllium methods of solar neutrino detection, he is also widely known for his work on double beta decay and other rare processes.

Pomansky devoted almost 30 years to the INR Baksan Neutrino Observatory, and was its head from its foundation in the mid-1960s till his death.

An active organizer of international neutrino meetings, his kindness, energy, openness and devotion to science won him many friends.