Yuri Prokoshkin died on 1 March after four months of illness.

A member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, he began his career at the international Dubna laboratory, leaving in 1965 to organize an experimental research division at the new Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP) at Protvino. Here he welcomed members of the first joint IHEP-CERN experiment in 1968 at the then world’s highest energy proton synchrotron, 70 GeV. From 1978, he was spokesman for the GAMS project, two parallel experiments (one at IHEP, the other - NA12 - at CERN) which went on to be particularly fruitful in the search for glueballs and exotic particles. Both were based on the development of a cellular electromagnetic calorimeter, a principle which went on to be widely used. In 1993, GAMS moved to Omega and opened new horizons in non-perturbative QCD.

Yuri played an important role in the new COMPASS experiment, one of the most recent to be approved at CERN, and was also involved in calorimeter development for the CMS experiment at the LHC.

For his family, collaborators, colleagues and friends, it was difficult to believe that his vitality, intelligence, creativity and enthusiasm for research, his devotion to the continuation of top level Russian science, his presence and friendship were no more. It was left to acknowledge the loss of a colleague who dedicated his life to particle physics and in particular to international collaboration, especially with CERN, for the humanitarian goal of peaceful cooperation as well as for scientific progress.

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