Prominent Yugoslav scientist Pavle Savic, one of the twelve signatories of the CERN foundation charter, died on 30 May at the age of 85. With this document, the former Yugoslavia became one of the twelve founding Member States of CERN.

From 1935 - 39 he worked at the Institute of Radium in Paris (France) as a close collaborator of Irene Joliot-Curie, participating in pioneer work on fission, and where his work on the interaction of thermal and resonant neutrons with uranium was also of great importance. In 1944 he joined Kapitza’s group at the Institute for Low Temperatures in Moscow. In 1946 he became Professor at Belgrade University, launching the Institute of Physics (now the Institute of Nuclear Sciences) at the Vinca site near Belgrade, and went on to become its first Director General. From 1956 - 58 under his directorship and supervision, the first local scientific nuclear reactor was completed. Professor Savic received a number of domestic and international awards including the Lomonosov and Rutherford gold medals and was a member of several foreign academies of sciences. He was an outstanding researcher, highly respected teacher and competent and authoritative director. Many distinguished Yugoslav scientists began their careers under his guidance.