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Prominent theorist Yakov Smorodinsky died in Dubna on 16 October. Working at Moscow's Kurchatov Institute and the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research, Dubna, his interests ranged widely, but his main contributions came from the application of ideas from algebra and geometry to nuclear and particle physics. His main passion was books, where he collected an extraordinary library and edited many Russian editions of Western physics works.