John Warren, chief instigator and first Director (1968-71) of the Canadian TRIUMF Laboratory in Vancouver, died on 7 September at the age of 74. His physics debut in electron diffraction at London’s Imperial College was followed by work on airborne radar during World War II (when he was John Adams’ group leader at Malvern). Switching fields, from 1945-8 he built the first two accelerators in Canada at Chalk River and Vancouver (both Van de Graaffs) and another at Glasgow. The school of nuclear physics he founded at the University of British Columbia flourished under his liking for fundamental experiments and provided the manpower base from which he led the initial construction of the TRIUMF Meson Factory. Neither retirement in 1980, nor a stroke last year could put him out of action. He continued to contribute actively to muon and muonium experiments, recently provoking and participating in a check of the muon catalysis of cold fusion. His inspiring leadership will be remembered in a new John Warren Chair in Nuclear Physics at the University of British Columbia.