

In memory of Ioannis Bakas



Ioannis was involved in our conference since the second one, as member of the international organizing committee and local organizing committee. That's where I came to know him personally. Three of our meetings was organized by him. All of us can remember him as friendly and supportive member of the meetings we had.

But we remember him as more than an organizer. His kindness, his smile, his wisdom, is unforgettable, but over all of these he cared for our participants. When he was organizing the meetings, he was in constant contact with the Greek embassy in Tehran to make sure that the visa process is as smooth as possible, called them several times and checked that each individual visa is granted without any problem. More than the specific problem he was pursuing to solve, his kindness, attention and deep generosity is what is left in our memory.

In our last meeting he was struggling with his health problems but he did not allow it to be felt by others.

As a physicist, his contribution to String theory is well known and I will not go into it.

He travelled twice to take part in Our String Schools in Iran, 2009 and 2012. We all remember his clear and beautiful lectures,

He was a great friend of the Iranian High Energy Physics community. His loss is much more than losing a colleague, we have lost a caring friend.

I can summarize it in a Persian poem;

وز شمار خرد هزاران بیش

از شمار دو چشم یک تن کم

from the counts of the eyes missing one,

from the counts of wisdom thousands more

