

The passing away of Thanassis Lambros is a great loss not only to his family but also to the Balkan Physical Union, with tens of thousands of members, who I am confident share our sorrow. I have served the Council as President of the Balkan Physical Union for many years with Thanasis acting as Secretary and General Coordinator. Thanasis, throughout the years of my service but also after I left the Council, had always been the soul of BPU.

A few months ago, I met with Former President of Albania, Rexhep Meidani, at a formal meeting and we both remembered the trips he had made with Thanasis in the Balkans. We also remembered the close cooperation that Former President Meidani had developed with both Thanasis and the Physics Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, during the many and difficult years that preceded his election to the highest office in Albania. The President and I will never forget Thanasis's invaluable contribution to the long cloudless course of BPU.

Thanasis Lambros was the man of all times, he was the man who could be trusted completely, a man who loved not only Physics and the Union, into which he put his heart and soul, while he was also the one who took such great care of younger physicists. Thanasis and I toured all the Balkan countries and organized scientific conferences with great success, mainly due to the dedication and energy put into them, which characterized this prominent colleague. We will all remember him with wonderful memories, and we all hope that time will heal the gap that he leaves behind both to his family and to the Balkan family of Physicists. May his memory live forever.

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