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It is with great sadness that we have to inform you today that our colleague and friend Evgenii Burov has passed away last Sunday on his way to a meeting in Chile.

We lose one of our brightest scientists who inspired many of us with his innovative work.

Evgenii Burov was the initiator and leader of Task Force VIII - Lithosphere dynamics: interplays between models and data. He is a recipient of the Edward A. Flinn-Pembroke J. Hart Award awarded to him by ILP 1999 which was just one of the many distinctions Evgenii has received in the geoscientific community.

We lose a great colleague and teacher, an ERC Advanced Grant holder, a Stephan Müller Medalist of the European Geosciences Union, a member of the Academia Europaea.

Our thoughts are with his wife Katia and his son Alexei.

Sincerely yours

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