



It is with much sadness that we learned that Dominique Grebille passed away at the age of 51. After a long illness he died on Tuesday January 27, 2009.

Student and later University lecturer at the Ecole Centrale in Paris, he was appointed Professor at ENSICAEN (Ecole Nationale supérieure d'ingénieurs in Caen, France) in 1993. He later joined the CRISMAT Laboratory (CNRS, University of Caen) and took the lead of the Crystallography group. Dominique was particularly appreciated by his human qualities in particular his kindness and his humility.

As a crystallographer specialized in the study of aperiodic materials, his studies of modulated phases and composite crystals in the superspace formalism were recognized internationally. Recently, he was

interested in high-resolution characterization of super-networks with specific properties stabilized in the form of thin films.

Member of the committee and Vice-president of the French Association of Crystallography, he always strongly implied himself in the recognition of specialties involving crystallography.

Dominique devoted a lot of time to his students among which he was unanimously appreciated. He was always ready to help and share his experiences without counting. His assistance was priceless for his colleagues.

We lose more than one colleague, for much a friend and but also an outstanding crystallographer.

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