



Professor Peter Saraga OBE CBE FREng CPhys Hon.FInstP

(1942-2023)

When we heard that Peter was no more, we were deeply saddened. Death has taken away a genuinely warm personality but also a truly passionate man and a great inspiration to those who had the pleasure to know him.

With his rich professional experience and expertise in technology, Peter became the first President of the AAL Advisory Board back in 2008 and, later on in 2018, Peter became the President of the AAL Executive Board. We would like to state that, at that time, Innovate UK was no longer actively participating in the AAL Programme, nevertheless, there was a unanimous agreement among the European Association's members, to have Peter in the position of President of the AAL Association. It showed his qualities and the lasting impressions, he had gained in the minds of the AAL constituency.

Peter, as we know, spent much of his working life involved in the development of technological innovations with Philips. This expertise and experience made him an active and a strong debater on the European scene. We will miss Peter enthusiastically parading the exhibition floor, speaking at workshops and taking part in plenary debates covering all aspects of active and healthy ageing.

Peter did not only have the social skills to inspire people, but he also had a clear vision of things. Peter was very instrumental and contributed immensely to the AAL Programme. He understood the industry and the need for transnational ecosystems involving all critical stakeholders to come to a global AAL industry.

In a friendly and open-minded manner Peter was so wonderfully dedicated to making technology improve the quality of life of Europe's ageing population, and we all learned a lot during the many meetings we had together. We will remember him as a role model of active and productive ageing, putting his professional and personal skills at the service of a more inclusive society.

On behalf of the AAL Association, the Executive Board, the AAL Advisory Board members and the representatives of the European Commission, allow us to express our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Peter's family and the numerous friends he had across Europe and beyond, for the passing of a competent, conscientious person always committed to his work with great seriousness and passion, Mr. Peter Saraga. May he rest in peace.

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