I have known Yury since I joined the T2K experiment during the construction phase. In research, he is astute and probing. At meetings he asks incisive questions but always with decency and respectful of his colleagues. In all manners, I admire his collaborative approach, and have had the pleasure of serving with him on many committees where I have seen all these qualities first-hand. But mostly, he is one of my most valued colleagues for his warmth and humour and his friendliness. It is a genuine pleasure whenever I see him.

So Happy Birthday, Yury, and I look forward to raising a toast together when we meet again.

Sampa and all your Canadian friends