

***Paul J. Crutzen, Nobel Prize Laureate, and honorary member of iCACGP, passed away at the age of 87 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 following a number of years of illness.***



*European Parlement, 2011*

During his international career in Stockholm, Oxford, Boulder, Chicago, San Diego and Mainz, Paul seeded innovative ideas that have been instrumental in understanding atmospheric chemistry and how humans affect the Earth System.

Together with Mario J. Molina and F. Sherwood Rowland he received the 1995 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for identifying how nitrogen oxides erode the Earth's ozone layer and discovering chemical processes that cause the ozone hole.

Paul was a brilliant and inspiring scientist, with monumental scientific contributions that shaped international science and changed the course of history. He has been an outstanding mentor, an exceptional person, leader, visionary and kind personality who marked our field. He was a pioneer in several international scientific committees including ICACGP, IGAC and IGBP.

Paul was respected and admired for his scientific contributions and his kind and humble personality.

The scientific community is mourning for the loss of a giant of atmospheric, climate and earth system sciences, the father of the "Anthropocene". iCACGP is committed to the legacy of Paul, to promote the role atmospheric science in protecting planet Earth, the only planet we have.

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