For Janez:

Such a moment of sadness is conveying the feeling of loss, loss of a son, a father, a husband, a friend or a colleague. I also feel like having lost a family member: Janez Jamnik was a very part of the Stuttgart scientific family, from the beginning of his career to the point where he as a director already has led the Ljubljana institute to world-wide reputation.

Janez was not only a brilliant scientist, he was an upright and sincere person, in addition he was lively and full of humor, reasons enough to always keep an office space free for him. In Stuttgart, I usually did not go for lunch, except when he was around, it was a pleasure to talk to him about science, non-science as well as nonsense.

We continuously invited him (and Miran Gaberscek) to our annual departmental meetings. And he always came even when he was extremely busy with administration. Our last meeting of such kind was in May this year. It was a pleasure to not only have him but also Tatjana and Klara there and that we could briefly celebrate his 50^{th} birthday.

Our next departmental meeting will be in January. He will not be around, but I promise that his personality and his great scientific achievements will be in the focus of that event.

Such a moment of sadness is conveying the feeling for commitments of the future: In Stuttgart we will not forget his personality and groundbreaking contributions to electrochemistry, I am sure you will not too in Ljubljana; I hope you will find a successor to him so upright and sincere a person as Janez was.

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