

**This issue is dedicated to our friend and colleague
Gilbert Grynberg**



The Editors of this special issue and the partners of the QSTRUCT European Network are deeply saddened by the news of Gilbert Grynberg's departure. It was Gilbert's vision which first brought together specialists in optical and atomic physics to form the research field of quantum structures and to found the QSTRUCT Network. Within the Network, Gilbert worked tirelessly to promote collaboration and the exchange of new ideas. He was particularly popular with young researchers, who appreciated his eagerness to share ideas and who were inspired by his clarity of thought. It was Gilbert who first proposed a special issue of EPJ D dedicated to quantum structures. Sadly he will not see its publication.

We remember a special scientist and educator, a colleague who was passionate about physics but brought his infectious sense of fun to all who worked with him. Even in the face of great hardships he remained a vibrant and enthusiastic member of our scientific family. We will all miss him.