

Professor Michael Dopita

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Dear Mike,

I was sadly shocked to get the sudden news of your passing away. I was so pleased to see you at "A Star was born" conference honoring your contributions to astrophysics held in Abbazia de Spinetto in April 2018. You wrote about your health issue couple of years ago, but you looked healthy, lively, and intellectually very smart. My respect for you kept on growing as I heard presentations referring to your contributions. I was privileged for your picking me for a speaker at the conference. I went through the organizers to rearrange my dates of lecturing at the International School of Young Astronomers of IAU and at Cairo University to come to "A Star was born". I did not want to miss the opportunity to see you again. Followings are two pictures from my presentations at the conference.



So many international scientists were connected to you closely and came to "A star was born". I was pleased to know your collaboration with Saudi Arabia and interest in Islamic countries. I was about to send an email to Prof. Lotfia El Nadi of Cairo University and founder of laser institute, NILES, to invite you to the upcoming conference to be held in Egypt in April 2019. I would add the following picture from the "A star was born" banquet evening.



I met you at the IAU Symposium 209 Planetary Nebulae, that you organized at ANU in November 2001 and formed the connection immediately. You came to JD17 symposium that we organized at the IAU GA in Sydney in 2003. We remained in touch and you supported me whenever I needed. I will miss the support and your insight knowledge very much. You are an example of inspiration and confidence. Your findings will continue to contribute to scientific advances. May Allah bless you in the highest position in the paradise.

Yours,
Sultana

Submitted for the "Farewell Mike" event held at Australian National University in 2019. Sultana Nahar was enlisted in the call for tributes for Michale Dopita for the event. Dopita was Nahar's reference since 2001. At their last meeting in Italy conference "A Star was born" dedicated to Dopita held in April 2018, Dopita reconfirmed to continue his support.