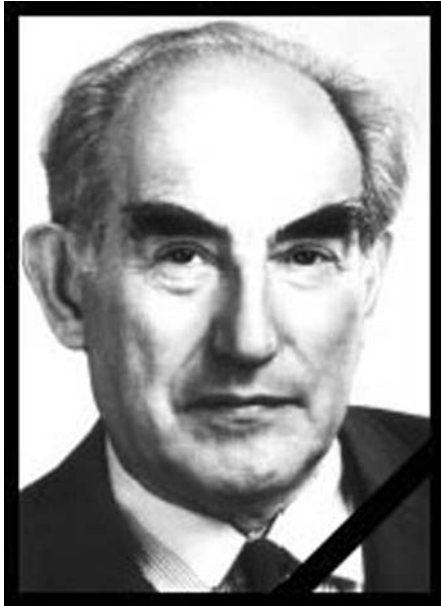


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On November 8, 2009 the scientific community lost one of its giants, Vitaly Ginzburg.

He made key contributions to many different fields of science, and the breadth of his interests was amazing. He created the well-known theory of the origin of cosmic rays and introduced the fundamental Ginzburg parameter to the theory of phase transitions. His studies related to quantum field theory, the physics of gravitation, and the analysis of the propagation of radio waves, are all broadly recognized. He was awarded the Nobel prize in 2008 for the Ginzburg–Landau theory which is a cornerstone of our field.

In July 2006 our Journal published a Special issue (Guest Editor—I. Bozovic) celebrating Vitaly Ginzburg's 90th birthday.

The Editors, Editorial Board and the Publisher have been always proud to have Vitaly Ginzburg as a member of our Editorial Board.