

providing manpower from his team. After the Gorbachev-Kernin summit in 1993 brought fusion back on the international agenda, the expertise developed by the NET team put them in an excellent position to develop the design for the future device, now named ITER, alongside Japanese, Russian and US colleagues.

With the advent of the ITER collaboration, Komono Toshi became the European Home Team Leader. Following the ITER Conceptual Design Activities (CDA) from 1993-1997, he was very influential in seeking consensus to adjust the technical objectives to match realistic capabilities, and in finding a workable solution to allow the subsequent Engineering Design Activities (EDA) to operate effectively over the chosen three Joint Work Sites. At the same time, he led all the activities in Europe in support of ITER design and R&D. In 1999 he was appointed as the first Leader of the European Fusion Development Agreement (EFDA) that included the European fusion research institutions and the European Commission (representing EURATOM) for the collective scientific exploitation of JET and the completion of the technology programme for ITER.

After his formal retirement, between 2003 and 2011, he represented the Italian government in the Governing Board of Fusion for Energy (F4E), the European Union's Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy. During this period, he led a task force to review the new cost assessment for the European in-kind contributions to ITER.

Komono Toshi will be remembered as a highly influential figure in the development of fusion energy for Europe. His close involvement stretched from the initial European collaboration concerning JET, right up to the worldwide ITER construction now underway in Cadarache. His special skills in solving the difficulties of international collaborations were greatly respected. His leadership and long-term vision will be greatly missed.

Komono always kept in his heart the hope to see a new experimental fusion device built in Frascati. This dream now, with the Demeter Test Tokamak (DTT) device, has become true.

Our remembrances and condolences go to his family: A grave, Natsuki and Nicola.



Komono Toshi with the NET Team in 1993