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Dear friends,

with the deepest sorrow we inform that Lucia Padrielli early this morning passed away in the S.Orsola Hospital where she has been hospitalized since Wednesday last week, due to a sudden worsening of her conditions. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th at 11 am. Details are available on the Institute web site (www.ira.cnr.it/mappa/smartino.html).

We have no words to express our great emotion. It is a tragic loss for her family and for our Institute as well.

Gianni Tofani

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Dear Members of Division X of the IAU:

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the passing away of Lucia Padrielli on the morning of the 22nd of December.

Lucia was President of our Division during the period 2000-2003 and a distinguished researcher and academic leader, both at the Italian and international levels.

Despite her illness, she attended the IAU Assembly in Sydney, presiding over all the Division's business meetings and inspiring us all with her courage and dedication.

She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and colleagues.

Luis F. Rodriguez.

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Dear Dr. Tofani,

The IAU community would like to express their sympathy towards Lucia and her family. I would appreciate receiving an address to which I could send flowers for the funerals.

Thank you in advance,

Monique Orine
IAU Executive Assistant

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Dear Gianni and all my colleagues in Bologna,

This is very sad news. Lucia was a dear friend to so many of us in the international community.

It is a big loss for all of astronomy. In addition to her research and her tireless efforts to support Italian astronomy she has been a leader in the international radio astronomy community. As immediate past president of IAU Division X and its Commission 40 she played a very active role implementing the new IAU structures and supporting Division X meetings, symposia and working groups and building the Div X www site. Her last newsletter as president can be read at http://www.ira.bo.cnr.it/IAU_Com40/2003/sydney.html

She courageously attended all the IAU meetings during her term as president even though her physical disabilities were becoming more severe. Lucia was always looking for the good solutions and reconciling any differing views in her special charming manner.

I offer our sympathy to all of you at the Institute, and to her many friends and relatives.
She will be missed.

Ron Ekers
President IAU

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Dear Gianni,

I would like to add my condolences to those of other members of the radio astronomy community on the passing of Lucia.

I remember Lucia as a very energetic person and strongly motivated to maintain strong personal relationships.

We recognize her many contributions to radio astronomy and the international community of radio astronomers.

We recognize her strong support and participation in the EVN and JIVE. It is an honor to follow in her footsteps in the EVN.

Please pass on my condolences and those of the EVN-BCD to Lucia's family, her many friends, her students and her co-workers in Bologna and Roma.

Sincerely,

Willem Baan
Director
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Dear Gianni,

Raffaella just told me the sad news about Lucia. It is a very great loss. I think we'll all miss her energy, good humour, and good sense very much. She was a most remarkable woman and achieved a great deal for radio astronomy in Italy as Director in Bologna and CNR Board member, VLBI in Europe as EVN chairperson, and radio astronomy world-wide as President of IAU Division X. I'll miss her personally, we worked together on various activities for the last 25 years. Please give my condolences and my best wishes to Luigi.

Richard

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Dear Gianni,

I have just returned from my Christmas break and have read your e-mail regarding Lucia. This is very sad; she was a great scientist and a wonderful lady. We will all miss her.

Regards, Phil
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Jodrell Bank Observatory
U.K.

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Dear Gianni,

We are very saddened to hear the bad news. I met her this summer in Sydney during the IAU meeting. We had a very good lunch together and had a very nice talk there. I almost can not believe that Lucia passed away. Many Chinese radio astronomers knew her as a good friend and colleague over many years. Our thoughts go out to her family and colleagues.

Xiaoyu

Xiaoyu Hong
Deputy Director
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I was very upset this morning to read your e-mail concerning Lucia. Like all of you, it is very hard to find words to express my deep sadness on her loss. For me, she was a special friend as well as a distinguished and respected colleague and my memory will be one of her kindness, her humour and her determination, especially during her recent illness.

She was a great friend of Radio Astronomy and VLBI and her loss will be felt by the international astronomical community, as well as in her native Italy.

I want to send my commiserations to her husband, who was so steadfast in supporting her (I saw them both last in Australia) and to the rest of her family.

I am afraid that it seems unlikely that I will be able to find flights to get to Bologna at such short notice, so please convey my condolences to her family and to your group in Bologna.

Sincere regards from all of us at Onsala Space Observatory,

Roy Booth

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Professor R.S.Booth
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Sweden

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Dear Gianni, dear friends,

we are very saddened to hear the news that Lucia passed away. Many here in Russia know her well as colleague and friend over many years. Our thoughts go out to her family and colleagues. Let you feel our deepest condolences in such tragic days.

Nikolay

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Dear Gianni,

we are very saddened to hear the news that Lucia passed away. Many here in Bonn knew her well as a colleague and friend over many years. Our thoughts go out to her family and colleagues.

Best wishes

Anton

Anton Zensus
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Dear Prof Tofani,

It is with great sadness that I heard the news of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Lucia Padrielli. I send our deepest condolences to you, her colleagues, friends and family on behalf of the Astronomical Society of Australia and from me personally. I am a member of the IAU Division X Committee and greatly enjoyed the period of Lucia's Chairmanship.

Your Institute and Astronomy in general has suffered a severe loss and Lucia's distinguished contribution to Astronomy and her memory will not be forgotten. It was a privilege to have known her.

With deepest sympathy,

Anne Green
President, Astronomical society of Australia
Director, Molonglo Observatory

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Dear Gianni and Paolo,

It was a great shock to learn about Lucia, and on behalf of the new IAU Historic Radio Astronomy Working Group I offer our sympathy to you both, to others at the Institute, and to her many friends and relatives, at this sad time.

Lucia will be warmly remembered for her important contributions to radio astronomy, and for her vital role as President of Commission 40. Personally, I will also remember her as a driving force behind the formation of our new Working Group, which aims to address our international radio astronomical heritage by establishing close links between IAU Commissions 40 and 41 (History of Astronomy).

Wayne Orchiston
Chair, Historic Radio Astronomy WG

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Dear Gianni, Dear Friends at IRA and CNR,

It is very sad news and was read here among Torun Radio Astronomy staff with deep sorrow. Many of us knew Lucia very well and regarded her as eminent scientist, outstanding organizer and very good friend. Her contribution to EVN and to the European Science has been widely acknowledged and highly valued.

It has been great honour for us that we had chance to work with Lucia and we will continue her enthusiasm and dedication to the science - the way to search for truth and the way to educate and to build up the modern civilization.

Please accept on behalf of Torun Centre for Astronomy our condolences over the loss of the friend whose work and personality will long be remembered.

I have specially motivated duty to convey our feelings of sorrow and sympathy to Lucia's Family and all the Friends who suffer her unexpected loss.

Andrzej Kus
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Torun Centre for Astronomy
Nicolaus Copernicus University

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Dear Gianni - it was with great sadness we learned of Lucia's death. Everyone at JIVE would like to extend their sympathy to you and her family.

I first came across Lucia when I attended the (now famous) VLBI Summer School in CSP, in 1988. I also remember her from the EVN Consortium Board meetings that were held in the early 1990s (I was minute taker during the reign of Rod Davies). From those occasions I was immediately struck by her energy, commitment, power and authority. I have to admit to being a little bit frightened of her - and I think some of the rest of the CBD were too! (but in a nice way) - she could certainly keep the rest of the CBD in-check, during her time as chair-person. She was a great role-model for all of us, but especially so for other women in astronomy.

Laterly she was also a good friend to JIVE during her period on the board (93-98). For part of this period she served as treasurer - a difficult job

for sure! I think the last time I met her was in Brussels - she was then in a wheel chair and clearly finding things difficult, but she was fighting on, and still a very valuable supporter of VLBI, the EVN and JIVE.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lucia, her family and all her colleagues in Bologna.

Best regards,

Mike

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Thank you for passing on the very sad news. We will all miss her enormously and miss the wonderful lesson she offered in carrying on as a valuable member of the community under very difficult circumstances.

Virginia Trimble
(Pres. IAU Div. XII)

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Dear Gianni, and Lusia's family,

It is a great sorrow for us to know our dear friend Lucia leaving us forever. We met each other for the first time almost 20 years ago, and a long-term cooperation between the two institutes started since then. The frequent exchanges in research and co-training are fruitful and very helpful to us, especially to those young Chinese astronomers. At this painful moment, we could like to thank her again for her contribution to radio astronomy of China and the world. She left us, she will still live in our memory for loooong.

Rendong Nan
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Dear Paolo, Piero Gianni and all my friends in Bologna:
These are very sad news indeed. I have known and appreciated Lucia for many years and considered her a friend. She was so interesting and strong, and at the same time so warm and kind,

before and even during her illness . We had many exchanges throughout the years, about astronomy, IAU and in particular about the situation of women in astronomy and in science in general. More recently, I was with her at several IAU related meetings. She always had useful contributions to the discussions, and tried as much as she could also to participate in the social events, with great courage and always with her beautiful smile. Her husband was taking care of her in an admirable way. It is a great loss, and I will miss her greatly.

Catherine cesarsky

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Dear Carla, Roberto and Giancarlo,

I was shocked to hear about Lucia. Please convey my deepest sympathy to her family and to everyone at the institute.

Best regards,

George

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Dear Gianni,

Those of us associated with NRAO, and especially the VLBA, wish to express our sorrow and regrets over Lucia's passing. Please give our best wishes to her family and to all those at the institute.

With best regards

Jim Ulvestad

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Dear Gianni,

We at Jodrell Bank were all most distressed to hear of Lucia's death. She was a good friend and colleague to so many and we remember that she played an important role in making the EVN the success that it is today. Please convey our best wishes to her family and everyone at the Institute. Regards,

Andrew

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Dear Franco and Roberto,

It is with extreme sadness that we learnt of the sad passing away of Lucia. We will always remember her as a warm and wonderful person, and a distinguished astronomer

of our times.

I would be obliged if you could kindly convey our sympathies and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

With regards and best wishes,

Sykes (Saikia)

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Dear Gianni,

I am deeply shocked to know these news. Please accept my most sincere condolence for all her family and everybody at IRA.

With best regards,

Paco

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Dear Gianni,

I am terribly shocked by this new. I was not aware as well that Lucia had health problems and all this takes me completely by surprise and shocks me highly.

Please pass my personal sorrow and emotion to Lucia's family on my behalf and as an ex-colleague of her during so many VLBI meetings where we worked together.

Best regards to you Gianni, and I understand how much you and your Institute will miss Lucia's presence.

Amities, Alain

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I heard the news about Lucia.

I saw her last July at the Sydney IAU when I was surprised to see her in a wheel chair. Nevertheless she was able to take an active part in the meetings, especially in JD 18 when I was able to talk to her. I'm really glad that we did have a talk during a busy meeting.

Thinking back, I have the impression that she knew then that she did not have that long a time left on this Earth (she mentioned that she would not see grandchildren).

The world has lost a talented scientist and administrator, and one of the few people that could manage the EVN directors - I remember her chairmanship with great pleasure!

She was much loved by Pam and myself.

Please convey our deepest sympathy to her family and friends at CNR.

With best wishes

Ralph and Pam Spencer

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I am so terribly shocked and sorry to hear of Lucia's tragic passing.

Could you send me her home address so that I can send condolences to her husband and family?

Regards, Kurt

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Hi Gianni,

I'm very sorry to hear that Lucia has passed away. She was a major force at the CNR, and we will mourn her loss. Although I didn't work with her, she would almost always stop by to say hello when I visited Bologna. Our thoughts go out to you in your time of grief. Ciao,

- Greg

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Gianni and friends all at IRA,

I am shocked and deeply moved by Lucia's loss.

I have sent a condolence fax in Spanish as soon as I learned of it, a

while ago.

I will send a personal letter to Gigi soon, via Franco.

We all loved Lucia. And she was so good for her family, institute and all of us!

Bacci, Lucia, bacci.

-Jon

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Dear Gianni

I am deeply saddened.

I have known Lucia well for many years, as I have many members of Bologna astronomy family - Roberto and Carla Fanti, Gavril Grueff, Mario Vigotti, Giancarlo Setti, Carlo Lari, Gabrielle and Luigina Feretti, Isabella Gioia, Paola Parma, Hans De Ruiter, Giampaolo Vettolani, Alessandra Zanichelli, Isabella Prandoni and others. I feel almost part of the family, and when I visited (some time ago now) you all certainly made me feel that way.

Lucia was a great and generous person, working so hard for the group and for radio astronomy. You will miss her very much, as I will.

Please convey my deepest sympathies to all members of the group; and if possible to her family.

Yours sincerely

Jasper Wall

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Dear Gianni,

I was terribly sorry to hear the sad news about Lucia. Although I became aware of her illness during the IAU meeting, she appeared so upbeat that I had not realized it was so serious.

Please convey my sincere sorry to her family.

Ken

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Dear Gianni,

With deep regret and sorrow I've learned about Lucia's death. It is a big loss to all of us. She will remain forever in the minds and hearts of those who were privileged to work with Lucia closely and knew her as a bright scientist and very good friend. Please convey my sincere

condolences to Lucia's family and all friends and colleagues at the Institute.

Yours,
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Dear Prof. G.Tofani,

The mournful information about Lucia Padrielli's death has reached us = today.

On behalf of other Pushchino radioastronomers I sympathize to Lucia's = family.

Those of us, who knew her personally, can not find the words to express our deepest sorrow. This is the great loss for her family. And this is the great loss for her colleagues in Italy and all over the world. Lucia will live in our hearts and thoughts forever.

Rustam Dagkesamanskii
Pushchino Radio Astronomy Observatory
of the Lebedev Physical Institute =20
Russia

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Dear Gianni,

This is very sad news, and for me, rather unexpected. Lucia was a very courageous person. She was ill when she accepted the position as President of IAU Division X and she made a valiant effort to be in Sydney to preside over the Division's business last July.

I will ask Luis Rodriguez, as the new President of Division X, to notify the radio astronomers in the IAU.

Jim Moran

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Gianni -

I was saddened by the news that Lucia had died. She was a wonderful person and I am sorry for your loss. My sympathy to you and the staff at your institute.

Regards,

Paul

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Dear Gianni,

I feel terribly sad to hear the bad news that Lucia passed away, which is hardly believed to me! I met her several times at the EVN director's meetings held in different countries and know that she did make great contribution to the EVN and radio astronomy as well. All of us will miss her. It would be very much appreciated if you can pass my thought to her family on time.

Junliang Zhao
China

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Dear Gianni,

Thank you very much for letting me know the sad news about Lucia. I feel shocked and very impressed after reading your lines, I was not aware of the bad evolution of her illness. At present I am working in Japan, for 1 year. Oriental people seem to have a different attitude toward death, as a natural consequence to life. With all, it is difficult to think of Lucia's goodbye as anything different than a tragedy.

Receive my best regards, Maria

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Dear Gianni,
and Lucia's family,

It is a great surprise and sorrow to know that our Lucia left us forever.

We met our dear friend Lucia in various places on this earth in these long years, and we deeply remember her with her calm and lovely smile.

Lucia's contribution to our radioastronomy community was great, and we remember Italy and Italian radio astronomy with her name and smile.

So, we miss her deeply. And we feel sincere sympathy to the pain of her family and of all your colleagues.

We could not attend the funeral ceremony from Japan, but we would like to pray to her from the far east.

We sincerely thank her, and we will be with her in our heart and in our memory.

With condolence,

Hisashi Hirabayashi

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Gianni Tofani,
CNR, Bologna

At the risk of increasing the flood of email that you must be receiving about the death of Lucia, I want to add my deep regret for her passing and deep respect for her work as a scientist.

I was fascinated by her decades of recordings of varying radio sources and based much of my research in interstellar scintillation on those results. I visited Bologna about ten years ago and found the scientific interaction very stimulating and her hospitality so warm. I spoke with her in Sydney at the IAU and was saddened to see her reduced to a wheel-chair, but I was so impressed to see her continuing to lead the Radio-Astronomy Division with her great and cheerful spirit.

I join you in mourning her loss,
Barney Rickett,

Prof Electrical and Computer Engineering,
University of California, San Diego

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Dear Gianni,

I'm writing to express my condolences to you and all your colleagues at the Istituto di Radioastronomia in the loss of our mutual friend and long-term colleague Lucia. I learned of her passing with great shock, as I had not expected her condition to change so suddenly.

Lucia was one of my earliest scientific collaborators after I left graduate school, and was always an energetic leader of our VLBI/LFV group. My wife and I have many glad memories of her visits to Bonn. We did not know Lucia's family at all, although I believe I met her husband once. May I ask you to pass on our condolences to them, as well, in whatever way seems most appropriate to you?

This event certainly casts a pall over the usually festive holiday season. I wish your Institute the best for the New Year, one sadly without our dear colleague Lucia.

Jon Romney

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I heard the news about Lucia.

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Please convey our deepest sympathy to her family and friends at CNR.

With best wishes

Ralph and Pam Spencer

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Dear Gianni,
with great sadness we received your message about the passing away of Lucia Padrielli. We have known her for her embracing kindness as well as for her resourceful competence in leading Italy's foremost radioastronomic team. We express our deepest sympathy with all who were close to her,
J. Campbell
A. Nothnagel

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Dear Dr. Rodriguez,

I learned with great sadness the passing away of Lucia Pedrielli. I wish to express my condolences and please transmit the expression of my sorrow to her family.

Sincerely

Pierre Kaufmann

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Dear Dr.Rodriguez,

Irkutsk solarists are deep sorrowing for the passing away of our President of Division X of the IAU - Dr. Lucia Padrielli. It is very large loss for everybody from our Division. The memory of all solarists will be long and kind.

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Best regards,
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Please pass on condolences to her family from all her Indian colleagues and friends.

Rad

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Dear Luis,

Thank you for distributing the very sad news of Lucia's departure. Lucia Padrielli was a wonderful colleague! She spent quite a lot of time in Holland and I'll always remember her lively interest and her inimitably friendly smile.

Please pass on our heartfelt condolences to Lucia's colleagues in Bologna.

Yours,

Harry van der Laan
Past president (1976 - 1979) IAU Commission 40 Radio Astronomy

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I am very sad to hear the news of Lucia's passing. She was not only an excellent astronomer and administrator, she was also a marvelously warm and reassuring person. It is difficult to imagine the radio astronomy group at Bologna without Lucia's presence. Please pass on my condolences to Lucia's friends and her family. With best regards, Geoff

Dr. Geoffrey

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Mt Stromlo Observatory

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Dear Luigina,

Hello to all our friends at Bologna. What a sad message just on Christmas. Dick Hunstead has just emailed us with the news of Lucia's death. I think of all the years (? was it 1970 when we first came to Istituto di Radioastronomia ?) we have known her, and our enjoyment of both personal and professional interaction with Lucia.

There has always been a common theme in engineering and research between Molonglo and Bologna... More recently, Lucia welcomed me and helped me find a flat for 10 days on my 1994 visit. We were so glad to see her, even in the wheelchair, at the General Assembly here in Sydney. Her cheerful encouragement and efficient work leading Comm 40 stops abruptly! Your leadership in Bologna now changes... but above all, Lucia was a great person. It is as that person we shall remember her with admiration - and now sadness.

The 'WE' in this message is mostly Janice and Bruce, but could include the many Sydney/Molonglo folk. I believe Dick has already responded. Let us know when her funeral is held: we will have a memorial meeting to coincide. With a sharing of your sadness..., love,

Bruce and Janice.

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Caro Gianni,

Grazie per la triste notizia della scomparsa di Lucia, resa più triste dal fatto che conoscevo Lucia "da sempre" (oltre trent'anni!) e che nonostante la lontananza eravamo sempre stati buoni amici.

Ti sarei grato se potessi le mie condoglianze al marito e al figlio.

Ciao - Nino

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Dear Luigina,

This is a terrible shock. I had no idea that she was ill. Please give my

sincere condolences, and those of all of us here at Sydney University, to her family and to all her friends and colleagues at the Institute. Lucia was an outstanding radio astronomer and a wonderful role model. With much sadness,

Dick.

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Cara Carla,

Lo scorso 22 dicembre sono stato colpito dalla triste notizia della scomparsa di Lucia. Alicia ed io eravamo a Zaragoza, quindi ho saputo la notizia via una telefonata di Alberti. Dalla posta più vicina vi ho inviato lo stesso giorno un bureau-fax per farvi arrivare le nostre sentite condoglianze.

Pensare che appena in Ottobre ho parlato con Lei, a Bologna, e adesso non c'è più tra noi...

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Non so cosa in più aggiungere, anche perché mi vengono tristi ricordi. Meglio voglio ricordare Lucia come l'energica e vitale persona che ho trovato attorno me per ben tre anni, con una voglia incredibile di lavorare, vivere e vincere la sua malattia.

Un forte abbraccio per te ed il resto dei colleghi all'IRA.

Miguel

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Dear Luigina,

I was shocked to hear that Lucia has passed away. I enjoyed our dinners together during the EVN directors meetings many years ago, but haven't seen her much over the last few years - mainly because I haven't visited Bologna recently.

She will be missed by the whole community.
Regards, Ed

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Dear Luigina,
thank you for letting me know. I am so sorry for her family and everyone at work who lost her character and participation. I hope her memory will keep inspiring us.

Maria

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Caro Gianni,

ho appena appreso la triste notizia della scomparsa di Lucia Padrielli. La conobbi verso la fine degli anni sessanta a Bologna, e da allora mi fu chiaro che Lucia apparteneva alla categoria di "the best and the brightest". Le volevo molto bene, anche se non siamo mai stati amici stretti. Ti scrivo per esprimere il mio dolore alla notizia, e per chiederti di manifestare alla sua famiglia ed agli amici dell'Istituto l'apprezzo che ho sempre avuto per lei e l'emozione sincera per la dolorosa perdita.

- riccardo

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Luigina:

I am most sorry to hear this news.

Please convey our regrets to her family.

It is always tragic to lose a family member -- especially so when this occurs during a holiday season.

Rick

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Caro Gianni,

Voglio esprimere il mio lutto alla morte di Lucia, e mia simpatia a tutte le colleghe e colleghi al IRA. Mi considero fortunato d'aver conosciuto Lucia per molti anni, e d'aver stato suo amico. Le sono grato per le tante occasioni di visitare l'istituto, e aver l'esperienza d'abitare in Italia. La manco molto. Auguro il migliore ai tutti i miei amici del istituto in questo tempo di perdita. Ricorderemo Lucia per sempre.

Steve Spangler

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Dear Luigina,

I was so sad (and shocked) to hear about Lucia. I first met her when I visited the institute in Bologna in 1992, and always admired her very much. She was a role model for many women astronomers around the world. It was only a few months ago that Lucia came to Sydney for the IAU General Assembly and I sat with her at lunch. Although I knew she was ill, I had no idea

that it would be her last visit here. Please pass on my deepest sympathy to Lucia's family and colleagues. Many of us here in Australia will miss her deeply.

Sincerely, Elaine
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Dear Luigina,
Thank you for informing me of this sad event. I heard about it this morning from ATNF colleagues and I have been very shocked and saddened all day. Lucia was such a wonderfully warm person and a treasured colleague. My family had the privilege to get to know her when we visited in 1996 and they all remember her friendliness and hospitality. I had the honour of working with her over the years in the VLBI networks and in the IAU. It was a delight to work with her and she will be sorely missed. Please pass our family's condolences to Giorgio and her family and to all our colleagues at the institute. She may be gone but she will always be in our hearts. Farewell Lucia and may you rest in peace.

Yours in sorrow Tasso

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Dear Dr. Vettolani,

It is with deep sadness that I learnt of the passing away of your colleague Lucia Padrielli.
Please forward my condolences to her family together with the expression of my high esteem for her professional and personal qualities. She was an excellent scientist and a friendly and respected colleague.

Marie-Helene Ulrich