

Professor Sir Paul Callaghan died Saturday 24th March, aged only 64, after a long battle with bowel cancer. He was one of New Zealand's most honoured scientists and was a Fellow of the Royal Society. Paul was a world-leading molecular physicist using magnetic resonance imaging to research the flow properties of complex fluids and transport in porous media. He developed applications for earth's field NMR and made several trips to Antarctica to measure the brine content and mobility in sea ice.

Paul will be remembered for his enormous enthusiasm for science, teaching and life. He had an amazing energy for everything he did and was extremely passionate about his work and his country, New Zealand. He was a gifted communicator and a brilliant teacher, making even the hardest topics seem fun. All the students, postdoctoral researchers and visiting scientists that spent time in his lab learnt so much from him. He was always full of ideas and was very supportive of all who worked for him. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

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Further details about Paul Callaghan's life can be found on Wikipedia, and there have been many tributes and comments posted on <http://paultcallaghan.wordpress.com/>. In addition to his research, he was a founding director of Magritek, a New Zealand-based company selling NMR and MRI instruments, with a passion for New Zealand industry as well as for science.