

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Professor Martin Hofmann

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National Institute of Informatics

It is with great sorrow that we have been informed of Professor Martin Hofmann's passing. We NII express our heartfelt sympathies to his family from the bottom of our heart.

He came to Japan on Jan. 20 to participate in the NII Shonan Meeting from Jan. 22 - Jan. 25. In the morning on Jan.21 he went up to Mt. Nikko Shirane and had been missing since then. Although the strenuous efforts of searching had been made, we were very sorry that his body was found on February 4.

Prof. Hofmann had already attended NII Shonan Meeting twice, and this time it should have been the third time of his attending at the seminar if he made it. His presence to our Shonan Meetings means a lot for us, because a distinguished researcher like him would bring so many things to our Shonan Meeting, and his contribution would make our Shonan Meetings more visible and more successful.

We are certain that his passing must be a great loss to his family, friends, colleagues and students at Ludwig-Maximilians University Munchen (LMU) as he had made so much contribution to the research community.

LMU and NII have an MOU agreement for more than eight years, and Prof. Hofmann has also contributed to our partnership between LMU and NII.

Please accept our sincere condolences and we would like to send our deepest sympathies to his family and all those who know him.

May his soul rest in peace.

In deepest sympathy.

February, 6, 2018
National Institute of Informatics

1. Overview:

Professor Martin Hofmann (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) had been missing since January 21 (Sunday). He was supposed to participate in the NII Shonan Meeting (Mon. Jan 22 – Thurs. Jan 25, Check-in date: Jan 21), organized by NII, with help of three renown researchers for the scientific part.

Although the strenuous efforts had been made by the Police and a private rescue team, he was found dead on February 4.

We are deeply sorry to be informed of his passing. Please accept our sincere condolences and we would like to offer our deepest sympathies to his family.

2. Details:

Here is information we have gathered from the related organizations.

Jan. 20: After arriving at Haneda airport in Tokyo, he went to Nikko city, Tochigi, and stayed at a hotel there overnight.

Jan. 21: He seemed to hike on the Nikko Shirane-san (Mt. Nikko Shirane).

Jan. 22: As he did not show up at the venue for the meeting, and nobody (including his family) could reach him, one of the three researchers reported to Yokosuka Police, Kanagawa as the missing case.

Jan. 23: Gunma and Tochigi Police started to search for him.

Feb. 4: A body was found dead at Gunma side by the cooperation of an international mountain guide, a private rescue team and Gunma Police.

Feb. 6: Gunma Police identified the body as him.

The meeting he was supposed to participate is as follows:

Seminar Title: No.115 "Intensional and extensional aspects of computation: From computability and complexity to program analysis and security"

Date: January 22-25, 2018 (Check-in: January 21, 2018)

Venue: Shonan Village Center, Zushi, Kanagawa

3. Inquiry:

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