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## **Editorial**

This issue of Communications in Mathematics is devoted to the memory of Gennadi Sardanashvily, who suddenly passed away on September 1, 2016.

Gennadi became an Editor of our journal only recently. He started to work for the journal with great effort and enthusiasm, and he came up with the idea of preparing a thematic issue on the Calculus of Variations on Manifolds, to reflect topics of current interest and recent developments in the subject. He started work on this issue straight away, but unfortunately he was not able to bring his idea to fruition.

We should like to thank our colleagues who Gennadi asked to contribute, and who prepared papers for the thematic issue, for their contributions. We have decided to retain Gennadi's idea of publishing the issue as he planned, and to devote it to his memory.

Olga Rossi Editor-in-Chief

