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Dear Jan Karel,

You told me already that you would beat me in retiring before me. Now, this is it. I must concede my defeat.

We met rather late in our lives but let me say that I greatly appreciated your straight way of looking at things, as well as your vision about the need for mathematicians to get better organized and not afraid at all to confront other disciplines, and the world at large. Our community needs many more entrepreneurial type research mathematicians like you, and for sure France is not very good at that.

Enjoy many other aspects of life as a new world is born to you.

Most sincerely,

Jean-Pierre