

**In Memoriam**  
**Shimon A. Awerbuch (1946-2007)**



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Shimon Awerbuch. Shimon died when the aircraft he was piloting crashed in the French Alps on Saturday afternoon, February 10. On board the plane at the time were Shimon's partner Maria Ribiero and his son Everett, who perished in the crash as well. Some of the details of the accident are available at the [Argus](#).

Shimon and his family were living in Sussex UK at the time of his death. Shimon was associated with the University of Sussex where he has worked with the Sussex Energy Group since 2002. Before joining Sussex, Shimon has been a fellow at the International Energy Agency in Paris. In the 1980s and 1990s, Shimon held positions as Chief of Economic and Policy Studies in the New York State Executive Department and was on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts (Lowell).

Shimon has been a friend of the Center and a contributor to the development of regulatory economics for many years, with important publications in areas relating to depreciation and costing in the energy industry. His most recent work, begun at the IEA, was concerned with options theory and portfolio evaluation for renewable energy, an area in which he was working with several European agencies and companies at the time of his death. He was a stimulating presence at many conferences, and his continuing search for what was relevant for practice often acted a bridge between academia, industry and regulators. Most importantly, he was a good and generous friend, and a joyful and spirit who, beyond his scholarship, contributed to many of our lives. He will be sorely missed.