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With profound regret, *Prometheus* has to announce the unexpected and untimely death of its North American Editor, John de la Mothe, who passed away at his home in Ottawa on 3 August 2007. He was 52.

John was regarded by many as one of Canada's leading experts on science and innovation policy. He held the Canada Research Chair in Innovation Strategy at the University of Ottawa and was Founding Director of the university's Program of Research in International Management and Economy (PRIME).

Born in Montreal, John earned his BA, MA and PhD degrees at Concordia University. He also gained an MSc from the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at Britain's University of Sussex. His formidable network of connections with policy-making bodies and academic institutions stretched across the world. He was involved in numerous policy initiatives and advised governments. In 2001, he was appointed Visiting Professor in Science and Technology Studies at University College, London, and, during 2006, served as Visiting Lecturer at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

John was a prolific author and sought-after speaker. His passion for fresh thinking inspired colleagues and students. He was also an accomplished musician who loved stimulating conversation and seemed capable of delivering an elegant view on everything. Those who spoke to him recently report that he was excited about tackling new challenges. The shock of his sudden passing adds to the sense of loss that is shared by those who were fortunate enough to know him and enjoy his company.