



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Australian Antarctic Division

His Excellency Mr Pedro Tulio Zwahlen
Ambassador of Switzerland
Embassy of Switzerland
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Dear Ambassador

Please accept the Australian Antarctic Program's sincere condolences on the sudden passing of Konrad Steffen, Director of WSL.

Konrad was a long-time friend and colleague of the Australian Antarctic Program, within the realms of both sea ice and ice sheet programs.

He was highly respected, much admired and very well liked. He has inspired many people who have been fortunate to cross paths with him, or have read his seminal papers and reports – and will be much missed. Indeed, he has also left a lasting legacy in terms of his students, many of whom have gone on to great things in the crucially-important field of polar climate research.

Again, our very sincere condolences.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Ellis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Ellis
Director

13 August 2020