

Jacob Palis

*Pierre-Louis Lions*

(after all if JC was your brother, maybe I am entitled to be your cousin...)

Dear Jacob,

let me seize the opportunity of your 80th birthday to thank you very much for all that you did for me. Indeed, you have always been very supportive of me and my work, and I owe you a lot! I am extremely grateful for your help, your trust and your friendship. Thinking about your birthday makes me remember everything that we shared and in particular our feelings for your "little brother" Jean-Christophe...

Finding the right words to express my gratitude, my admiration and my feelings is an impossible task for me but I am sure you know them.

Let me wish you, Maestro, a very happy birthday!