Antonio Serrani, UCTE Vice-President, was victim of a tragic accident on 14 March 2006. Antonio was 64. The electricity sector and UCTE have lost both an outstanding expert and personality and also a dear friend whose entire career was closely linked to the development of the sector.

Antonio Serrani has been Grid Director of the Italian Independent System Operator, since 2001 till 2005. In his role he was responsible of Grid Planning, Environment Relationship, Grid Engineering, Grid Rules and Power System Statistics and, subsequently, Antonio became the expert of Terna for the businesses in South East Europe.

In 2004 Antonio was elected Vice President of the Union for the Coordination of the Transmission of Electricity in Europe (UCTE) and confirmed in this function for a 2nd term 2006–2007. He was also President of SUDEL, the Regional TSOs Association in South East Europe, during the period 1999–2001. He represented the Italian power sector in many Associations (UCTE, CIGRE, UNIPEDE, MEDELEC, ETSO) and in many events worldwide. He also was chairman of the UCTE Technical Committee preparing the integration of the Albanian TSO in UCTE.

Antonio received several public and honorary distinctions, as among others Chevalier of the Italian Republic Order of Merit.