

Editorial notes

1 A special issue to the memory of Doru Ștefănescu

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Doru Ștefănescu, the Managing Editor of *Bulletin Mathématique*, passed away on May 9, 2021. This issue of the journal is a memorial tribute to Doru, and it contains contributions of colleagues, collaborators and friends.

Doru Ștefănescu was born in Iași, on January 19, 1952. He moved to Bucharest for the high school and he was a member of the Romanian team at the IMO in 1970. He studied Mathematics at University of Bucharest, where he also got the Ph.D. in 1985, under the supervision of Nicolae Radu. He worked at University of Bucharest from 1980 until his retirement in 2017, being a Full Professor since 2000. His scientific interest was in commutative algebra, mainly polynomials, formal series and algorithmic methods. He had very fruitful collaborations with Laurențiu Panaitopol at Bucharest and Maurice Mignotte at Strasbourg.

He devoted an important part of his time to services to academic community, and we mention a remarkable activity at the Romanian Mathematical Society and the great job he did as a Managing Editor of *Bulletin Mathématique* since 2008. He is definitely one of the defining figures in the history of the journal.

He was generous, kind and patient, unfailingly polite and charming in the art of conversation. We all have fond memories of Doru. He is an inspiring example by his life and work. This issue of the journal is our farewell to Doru.

2 More than fifty years of friendship

(by RADU GOLOGAN, President of the Romanian Mathematical Society)

We firstly met at a math camp in the summer of '68. That was the summer of Tom Jones' "Delilah" but also that of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Doru was a nice boy, very kind and passionate about solving math problems. He was not only talented in math but also in literature, poetry, and history. Since that time, we met at the end of every school year, as candidates for the Romanian team for the International Mathematical Olympiad. We both made the team in 1970, when the IMO was held in Hungary. I remember that for both of us that was the moment when we decided we were going to study mathematics instead of engineering. We spent wonderful days together. We then became colleagues as students of the Faculty of Mathematics in Bucharest; we were in the same class. Our domains of interest diverged after the first year of study: Doru chose to study the field of algebra and I pursued mathematical analysis. But we stayed close as friends in math and

in life. Doru was the first in our generation to get married and later, the first to become a father.

In 2008 we were elected president and prime vice-president of the Romanian Mathematical Society and, I must confess that, I accepted this position knowing that Doru was a person capable and willing of aiding and motivating me in this challenging environment. He also got to prove his organizing skills when he was appointed three times as president of the Mathematical Society of South Eastern Europe. This was also shown by his contributions to the reformed *Bulletin Mathématique de la Société Mathématique de Roumanie* of which he was Board Secretary for two decades. But more importantly than all of that, Doru was a great friend to me and the meetings with our families were always a pleasant event. I remember that his mother-in-law from Săcele cooked delicious home-made pickled mushrooms. Doru, dear friend, you will always remain for me a wonderful source of discussions in history, politics and poetry.

May God rest Thy soul, Doru!