Commemoration

In memoriam: Octavian Stănăşilă
(19.05.1939-25.05.2020)

Professor Octavian Stănăşilă was a distinguished mathematician, former Head of the Department of Mathematics II at University Politehnica of Bucharest, member of the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy and former Minister Secretary of State in the Ministry of Education and Research.

Octavian Stănăşilă obtained important results in analytical space theory, mathematical analysis and signal theory.

His book, available in three editions and written in collaboration with Constantin Banică, entitled "Algebraic Methods in the Global Theory of Complex Spaces", was three-fold published at Academiei Eds., Bucharest 1974 (in Romanian), at John Wiley & Sons, London-New York-Sydney 1976 (in English), and at Gauthier-Villars, Paris 1977 (in French), is a basic book in the theory of complex analytical spaces, which remains one of the most cited references.

Professor dr. mathematician Octavian Stănăşilă was deeply involved in the life of SSMR (The Romanian Society of Mathematical Sciences) and coordinated the Mathematical Olympics in the 80's.

It is well known that Professor Octavian Stănăşilă's career was inextricably linked to University Politehnica of Bucharest. He started lecturing at the Faculty of Automatics and Computer Science and at the Faculty of Electronics in 1973, later leading the 2nd Mathematics Department until the 2000s. As an author of many textbooks for high-school and university students, he devoted much part of his life to the mathematical education in Romania, being one of the greatest professors of the University Politehnica of Bucharest.

Professor Octavian Stănăşilă remains in the memory of his former colleagues and students as a model of professionalism, honesty and as a remarkable discourser for mathematics. We have all learned how to teach math lessons to future engineers from Professor Octavian Stănăşilă's textbooks. His courses were characterized by scientific rigor meshed up with intuition, all being presented in such a natural way that even the most complicated mathematical results ended up being natural. There are many posts on social media where former students, even many years after completing their studies, still recount fascinated memories about the deep impression left by Professor Octavian Stănăşilă's lessons. We, his colleagues and students, have been honored to have such a prestigious personality among us.

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