

FOREWORD

The current issue of the *Bulletin of the Transilvania University of Braşov, Series III - Mathematics and Computer Science*, is dedicated to Professor Radu Păltănea on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Radu Păltănea was born in Braşov in 1953. After finishing his pre-university studies, he attended the courses of the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of the Transilvania University of Braşov in the period 1972-1977. In 1980, he became an assistant at the same institution, going through all the didactic degrees, until he became a professor in 2003. In the period 1990-1992, he received his doctorate at the "Babeş-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, in the field of Mathematical Analysis, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Doc. Elena Popoviciu.

He became an acclaimed specialist in Approximation Theory. Specifically, his research includes topics such as approximation operators, moduli of continuity, convexity, mathematical inequalities, summation methods and others. He published in well-rated journals, the total number of his scientific articles being over 110. His publications have collected until now over 900 citations, with a current Google Scholar H-index of 15. His monograph, based on his own results, *Approximation Theory Using Positive Linear Operators*, published by Birkhäuser, Boston, 2004, enjoys a very good reputation. Professor Păltănea has given high-quality scientific presentations, including invited lectures, at more than 50 conferences in the country and abroad. He benefited of several research grants at the Institute of Mathematics of the University of Duisburg-Essen. In 2007, he received the *Simion Stoilow Award in Mathematics* of the Romanian Academy, for his contributions to the theory of approximation by linear and positive operators.

He carried out a meritorious teaching activity in the more than 40 years of activity at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Transilvania University of Braşov. Starting with 2007, he became a doctoral supervisor, completing 5 theses to date. In the period 2004-2010 he was the head of the chair of Mathematical Analysis and Probabilities.

Last but not least, Professor Păltănea was the coordinator of the Mathematics and Computer Science section of the present journal, *Bulletin of the Transilvania University*, from 2000 until now. His editorial activity was distinguished by its scientific quality and academic attitude.

We take this opportunity to wish Professor Păltănea all the best, good health and many new mathematical results.

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