Magnifice Rector,

Honorable President of the University Senate,

Dear colleagues and guests,

Speaking in a few minutes about Professor Ravi Agarwal is not an easy task. Summing up 45 years of scientific and didactic activity, more than 1000 papers, 25 monographs and books, 10,000 citations by more than 3000 authors and more than 400 co-authors and 100 talks in conferences and seminars, Professor Agarwal is one of the most active figures in scientific life. Therefore, a complete portrait being impossible to make, it remains just to sketch parts of his personality and achievements.

I would distinguish two periods of his scientific activity. The first 20 years was a time of affirmation as a single author of many papers and some memorable monographs which consecrated him as an expert in difference and differential equations.

The first book authored by Professor Agarwal, Boundary Value Problems for Higher Order Differential Equations, appeared in 1986, was very well received by Mathematical Reviews and Zentralblatt fur Mathematik and it stimulated in the next years the study of higher order differential equations.

Later in 1998, he published at Kluwer the monograph Focal Boundary Value Problems for Differential and Difference Equations, based like the previous books on his own results and on a great knowledge of the literature.


In the next 25 years Professor Agarwal developed a rich cooperation net with hundreds of mathematicians from various countries including Romania. Also, he has been involved in editorial activity as editor-in-chief of four journals and associated editor of over 40 international journals. He is a member of the Editorial Board of our journal Annals of the Tiberiu Popoviciu Seminar.

His collaboration with many young mathematicians from all over the world has had, as a result, the spread of self-confidence inside the mathematical community from less developed countries, contributing to the democratic enlargement of the international scientific community.

Professor Agarwal has played a leading role in many branches of mathematics such as Nonlinear Ordinary Differential Equations, Fixed Point Theory, General Inequalities, Numerical Analysis and their Applications. His seminal work has had an impact in the community of mathematics as well as in the field of applied sciences.

For all these reasons, we consider Professor Ravi P. Agarwal as an honorary member of our Faculty and today’s ceremony is a recognition of his remarkable achievements in mathematics.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Professor Radu Precup, Ph.D.