

PROFESSOR MILITON FRENTIU AT HIS SIXTIES

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Professor Frențiu has graduated Mathematics 38 years ago (the computation is simple, and requires no programming effort: 60 years of age minus 22 at faculty graduation). For seven years after graduation he specialised himself in Probability Theory and Numerical Analysis and started doctoral studies in Numerical Analysis. This background is remarked, as well, from his scientific activity, his first three published scientific papers, very well received in the literature, being from these domains. During this period I was a student attending the Probability Theory seminars of Professor Frențiu, an assistant at that time.

The scientific and didactic activity of Professor Frențiu have been radically changed in 1974, 31 years ago, when he was a beneficiary of a doctoral fellowship in England. Up to this moment, our faculty had very few study subjects in Computer Science, and the lectures could be taught only by our colleagues, Cornel Tarță and Grigor Moldovan. The huge evolution of Computer Science during these thirty years is noticeable, as well, by comparing the number of academic positions at the Department of Computer Science, from the very few hours of Computer Science then to the 90 didactical positions of Computer Science today.

At his return from England, in 1977, with his awarded PhD Degree, the didactical activity has been oriented towards Computer Science. He was promoted as lecturer professor in 1979, in 1990 he became associate professor and for 10 years he has been a professor in Computer Science. He has to teach classes at many study objects, but the most important are related to algorithmics, programming, programs correctness, modeling and simulation, or the master lectures. We remember here his 26 published books and manuals, or the more than 50 scientific papers having him as author or co-author.

During the 40 years he is working with our Faculty, he realised many didactical and extradidactical tasks. I recall here admissions commisions, license commisions, doctoral coordinations, member of the faculty time-table team, the main promoter of the Computer Science issues of the Studia Universitatis journal, main promoter of the preprint journal of the Department of Computer Science, head of chair and head of department.

Professor Frențiu added much energy and passion in all his achievements, he worked very hard for his department, his chair and his colleagues. I am asking myself whether this strong passion for his profession has any contribution to the fact that both children of the Frențiu family are Computer Science graduates.

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Since very long we have found Professor Frențiu at his office all day long, during working days and week-ends as well, both in the ages when his office has been on the old August 23-rd St., at the Red Building, or at the new location in the University Campus. He had many lectures to prepare, many academic curricula to conceive and argue for, many student papers or projects to grade. The result may be seen, as well, by the large number of books and papers he has written, the large number of academic positions in our current department, but also, by the large number of colleagues that wished to participate to Professor Frențiu 60 Years festivities. Colleagues that, I am certain, do appreciate all the energy and effort Professor Frențiu has spent for the success of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science in Cluj.

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