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SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR RNDR. JAN BÍLEK

On May 15, 1967, Prof. RNDr. JAN BÍLEK, Head of the Chair of Mathematics at the Chemico-Technological Engineering School in Prague, celebrated his sixtieth birthday.

Professor Bílek first taught at secondary schools. Since 1946 he has been working at the Chemico-Technological Engineering School. He started his scientific career as disciple of Prof. Bydžovský. Several of his papers written under the influence of the Italian school of algebraic geometry deal with the study of plane Cremona transformations. In other papers he studies algebraic correspondences among manifolds over the field with characteristic two.

Besides his scientific activity Professor Bílek devotes much of his interest and energy to pedagogic activity. As member of a commission on Mathematical Instruction at the Technical Universities attached to the Association of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists, he is trying to carry out new conceptions of mathematical instruction at the Chemico-Technological Engineering School.

A more detailed discussion of his scientific and pedagogic activity is contained in the article by K. KARTÁK et V. VILHELM, *Prof. Jan Bílek šedesátníkem* (Sixtieth brithday of Professor Jan Bílek) published in the Časopis pro pěstování matematiky *92* (1967) 367—369. This article also includes a list of his papers.

The Editors

PROF. DR. MILOSLAV HAMPL, CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY, CELEBRATES HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

On August 10, 1967, Prof. Dr. MILOSLAV HAMPL, corresponding member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, laureate of Klement Gottwald State Prize, promoter of Czechoslovak Applied Mathematics in industry, celebrates his seventieth birthday.

Prof. Dr. Miloslav Hampl received his education in Mathematics at Charles University. In 1931 he became lecturer and in 1962 he was appointed professor of Applied Mathematics. When a mathematical department was established at the Škoda works in 1930, he become member of its staff and later on its head. His activity at the Škoda works proved the high utility and efficiency of a mathematical department in a large industrial plant. After the nationalization of the Czechoslovak industry the mathematical department of the Škoda works extended its sphere of activity to the whole heavy engineering. It now works as the department of theoretical research at the State Research Institute for Machine Design.

An appreciation of Professor Hampl's work can be found in the following articles: *Doc. Dr. M. Hampl šedesátníkem* (Sixtieth birthday of Doc. Dr. M. Hampl) published in the journal Aplikace matematiky *3* (1958), 75—78 and *K sedmdesátým narozeninám Prof. Dr. Miloslava Hampla, Dr. Sc., člena korespondenta ČSAV* (Seventieth birtday of Prof. Dr. Miloslav Hampl, Dr. Sc., corresponding member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences) published also in the journal Aplikace matematiky *12* (1967), 324—326. The first of these articles also include a list of his papers and their analysis.

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EQUADIFF II — CZECHOSLOVAK CONFERENCE ON DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

On September 1—7, 1966 the Czechoslovak Conference on Differential Equations and their Applications — Equadiff II, was held in Bratislava. It was organized by the Chair of Mathematical Analysis at the Science Faculty of Comenius University in connection with the 500th anniversary of existence of Academia Istropolitana and with the 25th anniversary of existence of Science Faculty of Comenius University. Among approximately 300 attendants a half were from abroad. The program of the Conference included plenary sessions and meetings in the following three sections:

1. Ordinary Differential Equations.
2. Partial Differential Equations.
3. Applications and Numerical Methods.

13 survey reports were delivered in plenary sessions. Besides that, a half-hour lecture inaugurated each of the section meetings.

All survey reports and half-hour lectures will be published in a special issue of Acfa Facultatis Rerum Naturalium Universitatis Comenianae.

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