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During the two-year period 2000–2001, the Editor-in-Chief of this Journal was Professor Petr Přikryl. Before 2000, he was also engaged as the Associate Editor-in-Chief of Applications of Mathematics. This was a successful era in the history of the Journal.

Petr Přikryl was born in Prague (Praha) on May 28, 1942. He studied numerical analysis at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University in Prague, where he received his MS degree in 1964.



He started his mathematical career at the State Institute for Heat Technology in Prague and he has been employed at the Institute of Mathematics of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (former Mathematical Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences) since 1966. He completed his PhD study at this institute in 1972, obtained the CSc. degree (equivalent to PhD) and started his research work there. From 1979, he has been at the post of senior research scientist, now part-time.

At the University of West Bohemia, he was appointed Associate Professor in 2001 and Professor in 2005. Let us note that Professor is not only an academic position but also the academic title (delivered by the President of the Czech Republic) in this country and several other Central European countries as well.

Petr Příklad's research activities include numerical solution of differential equations, mathematical software in this area, and mathematical modeling and numerical simulation of phase change processes. In recent years he has also been interested in supercomputers and parallel computing. His mathematical results belong mostly to the area of applications of mathematics to physics. The highly nonlinear mathematical problems solved in this field can be directly used in experimental materials science and engineering. For many years, Professor Příklad cooperated very fruitfully with a group of physicists in Prague and his most frequent co-author in that period was Professor Robert Černý from the Czech Technical University in Prague.

Petr Příklad is interested also in the organization of science. He was the Deputy Director for Computer Software and Hardware at the Institute of Mathematics in 1991–1999 and the head of the corresponding department in 1994–1999. He has taken part in organizing a series of conferences Programs and Algorithms of Numerical Mathematics since the first meeting in 1983.

Teaching is the activity that has accompanied him without interruption since the seventies. He has delivered lectures on numerical analysis and mathematical software at Charles University and the Czech Technical University in Prague and the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (Plzeň). For many years, he was a very active member of the Department of Mathematics at the Faculty of Applied Sciences in Pilsen. Moreover, he is engaged in popularization of science among students as well as general public.

Besides the fact that Professor Petr Příklad is a recognized scientist, he is a clever, bright, and very friendly man. Undoubtedly, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday he deserves our cordial wishes of strong health, further scientific achievements, and good mind.

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