

FOREWORD

The Conference on Complex Analysis was held at Bielsko–Biała on September 3 to 7, 2001.

One of its highlights was the celebration of the 70th birthday of Józef Siciak, professor at the Jagiellonian University and editor of *Annales Polonici Mathematici*.

The Organizing Committee of the conference consisted of: Z. Błocki, S. Cynk, M. Downarowicz, L. M. Drużkowski, A. Edigarian, M. Jarnicki, W. Jarnicki, P. Jucha, O. Kędzierski, S. Kołodziej, W. Pleśniak, K. Rusek, J. Szczepański (Secretary), P. Tworzewski, T. Winiarski (Chairman), P. Zapalowski, W. Zwonek.

The full list of participants and lectures presented during the conference can be found on pages v–vii.

Part One of this volume honours Professor Siciak with tributes and recollections from his colleagues and students.

Part Two consists of two survey articles on fields directly connected to Professor Siciak’s scientific research. The papers are extended versions of presentations given at the conference.

Part Three contains twenty papers, presenting previously unpublished results by the participants as well as other mathematicians.

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