JOSEF KOLOMÝ IN OUR MEMORY

Josef Kolomý was our teacher at Charles University, a supervisor of our PhD theses and then our collaborator and friend.

We are grateful to him for introducing us to research work, for supervising our first steps in Banach space theory and for the constant professional and moral support he offered us subsequently.

Starting in the early sixties, for more than a quarter of century we had an opportunity to follow his substantial influence on many young Prague mathematicians.

Already in the sixties, Josef recognized the great potential of Banach space theory and its use in non-linear analysis and partial differential equations. Since then until his early death he worked systematically and effectively to establish the group of scholars in Prague in this area.

In 1969 he arranged for Zizler a stay in Seattle USA, on the IREX scholarship, to study Banach space theory there with Professor Victor Klee. This had a crucial influence on Zizler's further work in this area. Upon his return to Prague in 1970, Zizler together with K. John did their best to establish a Prague school of Banach space theory. They were later joined by Fabian, Frolík, Preiss and Zajíček, their students and others.

The Winter and Spring schools have since been organized by this group annually in the Czech Republic (more than 40 so far).

Collaboration with research centers like Paris (Talagrand, Godefroy, Deville), Poland (Mankiewicz, Kwapień, Figiel, Tomczak-Jaegermann, Hudzik, Lipecki), Sofia (Troyanski, Kenderov), Canada (Whitfield) and others gradually developed.

Now the Prague Banach space group has about 15 active members. By a constant effort of all of them, the group has gradually gained a decent world recognition, namely in the area of nonseparable Banach spaces. The group closely collaborates with many world centers (Paris, Besançon, Oxford, Valencia, Murcia and others).

Several research books in Banach space area have been coauthored by members of the Prague group, and an invited article for the "Handbook of Banach Space Theory" on nonseparable spaces was prepared in Prague in 2001.

Josef Kolomý influenced many other mathematicians in Prague in the area around linear and nonlinear analysis. For example, it was him who suggested Preiss and Zajíček to study differentiability of convex and Lipschitz functions in infinite dimensional spaces. He had a crucial influence on Fučík and several other mathematicians working in partial differential equations.

Josef's office in Karlín was always an oasis providing a good, optimistic atmosphere where young people used to come for mathematical sustenance, moral support, and advice.

Josef was an exceptionally nice person with a warm heart and sterling character, modest, hard working and always ready to help other people.

He was born on October 8th, 1934 in Lukavice, a village in North Bohemia, graduated from Charles University in 1958 and worked there since then, until his early death on October 8th, 1993.

Kolomý's research interests were wide: eigenvalues of linear and nonlinear operators, nonlinear operator equations, monotone operators, and applications of the geometry of Banach spaces in those fields. Josef was an extremely good husband to his wife Štěpánka and a caring father to his daughter.

We honour the golden memory of our friend who did so much for the Czech mathematics.

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