ROMAN SIKORSKI

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Roman Sikorski was born in Mszczonów near Warsaw. He entered Warsaw University in 1937 and graduated from it in 1947. In fact he was largely self-educated. During the second World War he studied on his own and prepared his first paper, published after the war in 1947. All his life he was associated with Warsaw University, where he obtained his PhD in 1949 and habilitation in 1950. In 1954 he became extraordinary (associate) professor and in 1957 an ordinary professor (full professor). From 1949 he worked also at the State Mathematical Institute (since 1952 the Mathematical Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences), holding the post of its director in the years 1967–1970. In 1962 he was elected corresponding member and in 1967 full member of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He was also active in the Polish Mathematical Society, as one of its Officers from 1951 and its President in the years 1965–1977. His further activity was made impossible by a steadily developing illness. His last paper appeared in 1980 in Studia Mathematica.

Roman Sikorski had wide mathematical interests ranging from logic and the foundations of mathematics to functional analysis and differential geometry. His main field, however, seems to be the theory of Boolean algebras, to which he devoted about thirty out of his more than one hundred papers and books.

Roman Sikorski was closely associated with this journal. He published twelve papers in it and from 1961 was a member of its editorial board. In the years 1961–1970 he was also deputy editor of Studia Mathematica.