

IN MEMORIAM

BOGOLJUB STANKOVIĆ (NOVEMBER 1, 1924 – MAY 16, 2018)



The eminent scientist Bogoljub Stanković, Full member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA) and a longtime Editor-in-Chief of the SASA *Bulletin of Mathematical Sciences*, died on 16 May 2018.

Professor Bogoljub Stanković was born in 1924 in Botos (Banat, Serbia). He finished Primary School and Grammar School in Novi Sad. During World War II he spent two years as a prisoner under terrible conditions in the concentration camps in Hungary and Germany, one of them being Dachau.

Once the country had been liberated, he began studies of mathematics at the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade. From 1949 to 1953, he was appointed Teaching Assistant at the Institute of Mathematics of SASA and the Faculty of Natural Sciences in Belgrade. In 1954, he was elected the Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad, in 1959 Associate Professor and in 1964 he became Full Professor. He was invited as a Visiting Professor at the Sorbone university in 1959 for one year.

All this time, Professor Stanković was engaged in all the aspects of social life as a member of the provincial and state governments especially in the fields of education and science.

In his career at the University of Novi Sad, his special merit is in creating of several new university subjects in different branches of mathematics. Fields of his scientific interests were functional analysis and above all, theories of generalized functions and their applications, and over the last years of his life he was especially interested in the various models of mechanics.



Professor Stanković is a founder of the scientific group and the seminar named “*Generalized Functions*” at the Institute of Mathematics, Novi Sad. Also, jointly with Prof. Jan Mikusinski (1913–1987), he founded conferences on Generalized Functions (1963) and up to now there have been 15 of these conferences all over the world.

During his 50-year long and successful university career, Professor Stanković was Head of the Institute of Mathematics, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Rector of the University of Novi Sad. He was a member and leader of many domestic and international bodies in the field of mathematics.

He published 4 monographs and around 150 papers. Many of them were published in distinguished mathematical journals such as *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris*, *J. Differential Equations*, *Studia Math.*, *J. London Math. Soc.*, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, *Uspekhi Mat. Nauk*, etc.



Professor Stanković was awarded the most important domestic medals, as well as the “*Officier de l’ordre national de merite, Republique France*” medal. In 1969, he became an honorary citizen of Baltimor. He was elected Member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1963 and became its Full Member in 1969.

He was married to his wife Ljubica and had two daughters, Milica and Mirka, two grandsons and one granddaughter.

The most outstanding characteristics of Professor Stanković were his ability to talk to people, his openness for new ideas and enthusiasm in his work with students and colleagues. He was a highly moral and modest person. His gentle and kind temper enabled him to be an excellent teacher for which we would like to thank him. It was a great pleasure and honor for all of us to work with Professor Stanković.

This issue of our journal *Bull. Cl. Sci. Math. Nat. Sci. Math.* is dedicated to the memory of Academician Bogoljub Stanković. It contains seven papers contributed by colleagues from the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and ex-students of Professor Stanković.

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