Foreword

The current issue of Volume 47 of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics is devoted to the Symposium on Analytic Mechanics and Differential Geometry, dedicated to the 140th anniversary of Professor Bilimović and the 90th anniversary of Professor Vujičić, and held at the Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Belgrade on May 8, 2019. The Symposium was co-organized by the Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, its Department of Mechanics, and the journal Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, http://www.mi.sanu.ac.rs/novi_sajt/research/conferences/simpozijum_amdg.pdf. All the papers published in this issue have passed through a peer-review process, according to the usual standards and procedures of the Journal.

The authors and the organizers thanked Professor Veljko Vujičić for participating in the Symposium, congratulating him on his 90th anniversary. During the final stage of the preparation of this issue for publication, we received with great sorrow the news that Professor Vujičić had passed away.

Professor Anton Bilimović (1879–1970) was an outstanding representative of the Russian scientific elite who ended up in Belgrade as a result of the turmoil induced by the revolution in Russia. As an already established scientist and a former rector of Malorosiisk University in Odessa, Bilimović made a tremendous contribution to the further development and organization of mathematics and mechanics in Belgrade, Serbia, and Yugoslavia. In particular, he was the first director of the Mathematical Institute, occupying that post from 1947 to 1949.

Professor Veljko Vujičić (1929–2020) was a distinguished member of the Bilimović School and the founding Editor-in-Chief of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, serving in that role for twenty years, from 1975 to 1995. Professor Vujičić held numerous responsible positions in Serbian science, including the following: the dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the University of Belgrade, deputy director and acting director of the Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and chairman of the Department of Mechanics of the Mathematical Institute.

More about Anton Bilimović and his school can be found in [1, 2, 3] and about Veljko Vujičić in [3, 4, 5].

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