
OBITUARY

ZORAN POP-STOJANOVIĆ 30 May 1935 - 14 September 2011



Zoran Rista Pop-Stojanović, Professor Emeritus from the Department of Mathematics, University of Florida, was also a distinguished member of the Editorial Board of *The Teaching of Mathematics*. He passed away on September 14th, 2011.

Professor Pop-Stojanović was born in Belgrade in 1935, where he lived until 1965. In 1958 he graduated from the Belgrade University, Faculty of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. From the same institution, he also obtained his Master of Science degree (in 1959) and his Doctoral degree (in 1964). His PhD thesis was entitled *Application of the filter transform of a random Lebesgue measure to random fields*. Zoran obtained a research fellowship from the Government of Israel, and he spent the academic year 1962/63 in Israel, specializing at the Hebrew University.

From 1959 to 1964, Zoran held the position of the university assistant and in 1965, he was elected as Docent (Assistant Professor) at the Faculty of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. In 1965 he left for the United States, and at the University of Florida he had a position during the rest of his career—Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics from 1965 to 1967, Associate Professor of Mathematics from 1967 to 1972 and Full Professor of Mathematics until his retirement. The main areas of his research were probability theory and random processes. Besides mathematics, he had a wide knowledge of linguistics, philosophy and music. He was very well acquainted with the problems of education, having a broad spectrum of interests in educational issues.

After his retirement, Zoran was visiting his native Belgrade each year. He used that time to deliver lectures at stochastic seminars as well as to coordinate the work of his colleagues and to encourage the post-graduate students to start researching. His lectures were very popular, starting with heuristic introductions and clear motivations, which were followed with thorough mathematical formalizations. In 2000, he was chosen a member of the Editorial Board of *The Teaching of*

Mathematics. He not only reviewed contributed papers but he was also a precious consulter, influencing the conception of this journal.

Professor Pop-Stojanović was a man of great personal charm, having an excellent mathematical and general education, what was combined with his commitment, promptness, enthusiasm and benevolence. With his untimely end, we have lost a dear friend, an eminent colleague and a highly respectable member of the Editorial Board of this journal.

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