# On the Sixtieth Birthday of Professor Ph.D. Dumitru Acu

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Professor Ph.D. Dumitru Acu is a mathematician with remarkable results in Numerical Analysis, Inequalities, Applied Mathematics in Technology, Arithmetic and Number Theory, Functional Equations and Mathematical Didactics.

Dumitru Acu was born on the 20th of August 1945, in the commune of Rebrişoara from Bistriţa - Năsăud district, Romania. He attended the courses of the Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics of "Babeş - Bolyai" University from Cluj-Napoca between 1963 and 1968, obtaining the licence degree in Mathematics and Computer Science profile. He made his choice at repartition for the position of Second degree preparator at the Mathematics Department of the Pedagogical Institute from Baia-Mare. In the same year, at the same time with the apparition of the Teaching Staff Statute, he was named Assistant on Probation, position which he held until the 1st of September 1971, when he becomes titular as an University Assistant.

Begining with 1974, at the founding of the Superior Education Institute from Baia-Mare he was named University Lecturer as part of the same department.

On the 15th of Octomber 1977, for the benefit of education, he transffered as an University Lecturer Entitled at the Superior Education Institute from Sibiu, Faculty of Mechanics, Technology Department.

In the year 1979, together with the reorganization of the departments, he moved as Titular Lecturer at the Applied Mechanics Department. After a new reorganization of the departments he became a member of the Fundamental Disciplines and General Technique Culture until the 1st of September 1990.

From 1982 he worked as Titular Lecturer on the position of Assistant Professor. Starting from October 1990 until 1999 he occupied the position of Titular Assistant Professor at the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu. On the 11th of March 1999 he was named University Professor at the Mathematics Department of the same University.

In the year 1980 he obtained the scientific title of Doctor of Mathematics with the thesis: "Extremal Problems in the Numerical Integration of Functions", having Mr. Prof. Ph.D. Dimitrie D. Stancu, from Cluj University as scientifical guide.

In 1982, he received the title of Distinguished University Lecturer.

Between March 1st 1989 - January 21st 1990 he held the rank of Head of Department at the "Fundamental Disciplines and General Technique Culture". From February 1995 until the 6th at February 1996 he was Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, and starting with September 22nd 2001 he was Head of the Department, then Head master of the Department of Mathematics from the University of Sibiu.

He distinguished himself all this time until the present not only by the fact that he is a well-known mathematician but also through his humanism being a catalyzer for the community that he is leading and a good teacher for a lot of young mathematicians.

Also Mr. Prof. Dumitru Acu is reviewer at Zentralblatt für Mathematik (from 1982) and at Mathematical Reviews (from 1989). He is adviser at Mathematics Magazine (USA) and at Gazeta Matematică (Romania) (Mathematical Gazette). At Mathematical Gazette he took part in the editorial board, between 1982 - 1996.

He is member in the editorial boards of General Mathematics and Mathematical Education Reviews, and from 1999, respectively 2005, he is Editorin-Chief.

He was member in the Romanian Mathematical Sciences Society board (1995 - 1998; 2004 - ) and President of the Mathematical Sciences and Scientific Seminar of the teachers from the district of Sibiu.

More than that, the activity of Mr. Prof. Dumitru Acu has varied, and this thing ennobles him, by the fact that from 1990 until 1992 he was the vicepresident on the whole country of the eldest Romanian cultural society "The Transylvanian Association for Romanian Literature and for the Culture of Romanian People - ASTRA" (founded in 1861), after that becoming its president. As its president at country level, he tried and is still trying to respect its principle since ever: "where the law disunites, let culture unify".

He is director of the "People's Paper" review and he was member of the "ASTRA" review (Braşov) editorial board. He is part of the editorial board of the Mathematical Review from Timişoara and Carpathian Journal of Mathematics and Creative Mathematics (North University of Baia Mare).

Until now he was co-organizer or organizer of more symposiums or scientific sessions with a local, national or international character. He sustained

tens of dissertations and conferences.

The scientific activity of Mister Prof. Ph.D. Dumitru Acu has materialized in the following fields of mathematics:

**Numerical Analysis.** He concerned himself to the study of some extremal problems in the study of the quadrature formulae.

The published papers in this domain of interest have been positively reviewed in the well-known reviews MR Zentrallblatt Math., RJ and have been quoted by mathematicians from Cluj.

During the last years through collaboration, he has obtained some results in the evaluation of the rest of some operators.

**Inequalities.** Strongly related to the preoccupation in Numerical Analysis are those from the inequalities field. These results have been presented in many articles (1990, 1991, 1993).

Some of the obtained inequalities have applications in the Actuariale Mathematics.

**Arithmetic and Number Theory.** He had important preoccupations in solving some exponential diophantine equations with or without restrictions.

In 1990 in three papers published in the Mathematical Astra, a wide range of exponential diophantine equations with restrictions are solved and also equations that solve many open problems enunciated by Solomon Marcus in the book "The Shock of Mathematics", 1987. He obtained some other results regarding diophantine equations in 1994, 1995 and 1999.

Romanian mathematicians (I. Sandor, M. Cipu, A. Pascu etc.) were also interested in getting thoroughly into some results from Mr. Prof. Ph.D. Dumitru Acu papers.

Functional Equations. He was concerned by the study of some functional equations that interfere in the study of the differential equations.

In 1981 he gave a proof and also a generalization for a theorem by Angheluţă that was concerning an algebraical equation.

Mathematical Didactics. He considered important for an university Mathematics teacher the preoccupations in the field of Mathematical Didactics.

With this end in view he made many courses and collections of problems multiplied at the institutes where he was working at.

He participated as joint-author at the achievement of some collections of problems edited on national level.

A permanent preoccupation of his on scientifical and didactical line was also the one of making some materials in which Mathematics is presented in an understandable and rigorous manner for youth, pupils and students.

Another aspect of his didactical activity is the one of problem proposer. He suggested more than 300 problems in the reviews of speciality, many of them being resumed in collections of problems.

It is to be noticed also the fact that Mr. Prof. Ph.D. Dumitru Acu has a wide contribution in the fields of Mathematical Didactics and publicism (see Mathematical Gazette, Mathematical Astra etc.)

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