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The academic community of Ovidius University of Constanţa celebrated an important event in 9 July 2015, when awarded the title of DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA to the distinguished Professor Ravi P. Agarwal from Texas A&M University–Kingsville.

Professor Ravi P. Agarwal was born on 10 July 1947 in Moradabad, India.. He received his Master's degree in Science in 1969 from Agra University, India, 1st class, 2nd position and his Ph.D. in 1973 from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India. His fields of research include Numerical Analysis, Differential and Difference Equations, Inequalities and Fixed-point Theory.

With more than 44 years of experience, Professor Ravi P. Agarwal has had an impressive career: over 1200 research papers in ISI Journals and Series, 35 books and monographs, over 7000 (seven thousand) citations in more than 54 ISI journals, 27882 citations, a Hirsch index of 68 and an i10index of 523 (from Google Scholar). He has refereed more than 5000 papers for more than 26 ISI journals. His book Difference equations and inequalities: theory, methods, and applications has had 2469 citations. Professor Ravi P. Agarwal is the Editor-in-Chief of the following ISI journals:

1. Journal of Inequalities and Applications, Springer, U.S.A, 2013 IF=0.768;
2. Advances in Difference Equations, Springer, U.S.A, 2013 IF=0.634;
3. Boundary Value Problems, Springer, U.S.A, 2013 IF=0.836;
4. Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Springer, U.S.A, 2013 IF= 2.486;

Professor Ravi P. Agarwal is a member of the Editorial Board of more than 38 Journals, including our own publication, Analele Stiintifice ale Universitatii Ovidius din Constanta, seria Matematica.

He has taught various B.Sc., M.Sc., B.E. and M.E. courses for over 44 years, was Visiting Professor and Scientist in 17 famous universities around the world, including: Maximilians Universität, Munich, The University of Western Australia, Instituto Matematico, Florence, Italy, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, etc.

Professor Ravi P. Agarwal has participated and gave invited lectures in more than 44 International conferences and delivered Colloquium talks at 99 universities, including: der Universität Munchen, Germany, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany, Universität Stuttgart, Germany, Mathematisch Centrum Amsterdam, Holland, the University of Amsterdam, Holland, Universita Degli Studi Di Parma Italy, Universita Degli Studi Di Firenze, Italy, Manchester University, U.K., Cambridge University, U.K., Oxford University, U.K., etc.

Professor Ravi P. Agarwal has trained many generations of students and researchers and has helped promising young people starting out in their careers, both in research and teaching.

Professor Ravi P. Agarwal's professional activity has certainly been impressive, the fraction of it described above represents only a small percentage. Surely most of us can't even read and understand in a lifetime what Professor Ravi P. Agarwal has written in the field of mathematics in his life so far.

We wish him new achievements in his professional life and a long and a happy life!

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