

## ***Prof. Dr. Mihai Anastasiei at seventy***

In 2016 one of the founders of the Balkan Society of Geometers, Prof. Dr. Emeritus Mihai Anastasiei will attain the age of 70 years. We pay homage to his activity in the BSG publishing this brief text describing his accomplishments as a teacher and researcher. Professor Doctor Mihai Anastasiei is a distinguished member of the Faculty of Mathematics from the University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iași. Born on June 15, 1946, in Zlătunoaia, Botoșani county, he decided to study Mathematics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics, University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iași, in 1964. He graduated in 1969, by receiving a Diploma of Merit in Mathematics with the specialization in Geometry. After completing the post-graduate studies, between 1972 and 1976, he received, in 1977, the Ph. D title with the Thesis *Remarkable geometric structures on infinite dimensional manifolds*, under the supervision of Professor Dr. Radu Miron. After graduating the University, in 1969, he was appointed as an Assistant and some years later was promoted as a Lecturer in the Department of Geometry, Faculty of Mathematics. In 1990 he became an Associate Professor and in 1995 was promoted to Full Professor. Professor Mihai Anastasiei has devoted his lifelong academic career to fulfill his teaching, research and administrative duties as well. As a teacher, he guided, with love for mathematics and especially geometry, many generations of students. The courses he taught, including analytic geometry, differential geometry of curves and surfaces, differential geometry of manifolds, Riemannian geometry, theory of  $G$ -structures, Finsler and Lagrange geometry, were always rigorous, well prepared, and characterized by a personal style. During his career, Professor Mihai Anastasiei has served the academic community as a Head of the Department of Geometry, Chancellor and vice-Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics, and in the last four years as the Head of an interdisciplinary (Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Informatics, Mathematics, Physics), Department of Sciences. He served as member of the Senate of the the University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iași for eight years. On the occasion of his retirement he was named Emeritus Professor.



The research activity of Professor Mihai Anastasiei is substantial and it had and has a certain impact in the scientific community. He coauthored three monographs, edited nine volumes, and published more than ninety scientific papers in several journals.

For his research activity he was awarded by the Romanian Academy, in 1987, the Prize Gheorghe Țițeica". He participated to more than twenty international conferences (ICM 1990, Kyoto; SUA, Canada, Greece, Italy, Hungary). In his research activity he had fruitful collaborations with his teacher, Prof. Dr. Radu Miron, now a member of the Romanian Academy, and with other Romanian professors as well as with researchers from Japan, Canada, Hungary, the US. He had the status of visiting professor at prestigious universities around the world: Italy, Bari, 1986; Japan, Tsukuba, 1990; Canada, Edmonton, 1993; Germany, Munich, 1998; Japan, Sapporo, 1998; Belgium, Leuven, 2001; Poland, Wroclaw, 2003.

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