

OBITUARY FOR PROF. HANS SACHS

On December 15, 2013, the Austrian founder of *Mathematica Pannonica* died after a long disease, a month before his 72nd birthday. Hans Sachs fought like a lion, but finally he lost the battle. So, in less than 2 years, *Mathematica Pannonica* has lost both of its founders.

Hans Sachs was born in Wiener Neustadt (Austria) on January 15, 1942. He grew up there and then he went to Vienna to study Mathematics, Astronomy, and Philosophy at the University of Vienna and at the Technical University. After receiving his doctorate degree in 1967, he went to the University of Stuttgart, where he received his Habilitation in 1972. He then became Professor at the University of Munich and then at the University of Kaiserslautern. Since 1982 he was Professor for Applied Geometry at the University of Leoben, where he retired as an Emeritus in 2010. His scientific work resulted in 3 books and 77 research papers in Geometry. A more detailed description of his career and a complete list of his publications appeared just recently in *Mathematica Pannonica* 23/2 (2012), pp. 165–170.

Professor Sachs had a lot of talents and interests, including literature and music. What impressed me most was his knowledge in languages. He could switch freely between English, French, Hungarian, Croatian, Italian, Polish, and many more languages. In his later years, he also worked as a healer, which is quite unusual for a mathematician.

We will miss him a lot, his energy and competence, his most friendly personality (but he also could be very direct when it was necessary), and his joy of life which was “infectious” to his friends.

Good bye, Hans, and thank you for everything!

Günter Pilz, in the name of *Mathematica Pannonica*