

SALUTATION

Professor Gyula I. Maurer has completed his 80th year in 2007. On behalf of the Editorial Board we greet him with sincere reverence as one of the Founders of *Mathematica Pannonica*, and the former Editor in Chief of the Journal, who managed the editing, publishing and propagation of the Journal from the very beginning in 1990 until the last year, 2006.

Professor Maurer was born in Transylvania in 1927, a few years after this region was taken away from Hungary and annexed to Romania. The center of his many-sided scientific career has been his algebraic research, focusing mainly on the theory of relations and its topological aspects. The interested Reader can obtain more detailed information on his scientific activity and personal life from the following papers in German and a book in Hungarian:

Sachs, H. and Tironi, G., Ein Leben für die Mathematik, *Mathematica Pannonica* 8/1 (1997), 3–10.

Wiegandt, R. and Miron, R., Gyula Maurer zum 70. Geburtstag, Grazer Mathematische Berichte, Nr. 337, Sachs, H. (ed.), 1997, 1–17.

Kiss, S., Matematikus a XX. század viharáiban (Mathematician in the tempests of the 20th century), Kolozsvár (Cluj-Napoca) – Marosvásárhely (Tirgu Mures), 2001, pp. 301.

In the past few years professor Gyula Maurer has mainly been occupied with scientific organizational tasks. Beside all these, he has been able to devote time to settling the scientific heritage of an unexpectedly deceased Hungarian historian on mathematics, László Filep, including the posthumous publishing of his unpublished manuscripts. He has also published several papers in Hungarian about the cultural and historical heritage of his homeland Transylvania in Hungarian language.

As a consequence of a difficult surgery, Professor Maurer has become physically disabled this year. He resigned from almost all of his social functions. He exclusively undertook the position of the Honorary Editor of *Mathematica Pannonica*.

We all wish Professor Maurer good health and hope that our Editorial Board might enjoy his magnanimous help for a long time.

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