

**PROFESSOR GRIGORE CĂLUGĂREANU  
AT HIS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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Grigore Călugăreanu was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1947, in Cluj-Napoca, in a family with strong academic traditions and important influences on the scientific life, as both his father and grandfather were members of the Romanian Academy of Sciences. He graduated from high-school in 1964 and the same year he became a student at the Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics of the "Babeș-Bolyai" University in Cluj-Napoca. In 1969 he graduated with a dissertation on "Embedding Theorems in Categories" and he began to work at the Department of Algebra of the same university, first as Probation Assistant (September 1969–September 1970), then as Assistant (September 1970–March 1978). In 1977, he defended his Ph.D. thesis "Contributions to the theory of enriched modules and to the problem of endomorphisms" under the supervision of Professor Ionel Bucur and Professor Alexandru Solianu from the Faculty of Mathematics of the University of Bucharest. From March 1978 until March 1990 he was Lecturer and in 1990 he became Associate Professor in the Department of Algebra of the "Babeș-Bolyai" University.

It is in that period that we first met Professor Grigore Călugăreanu as students in an introductory course in Algebra. This meeting was undoubtedly one of the most important events in our students life and it convinced us to attend an Algebra course whenever this was possible. Later, we had the opportunity to meet Professor Călugăreanu again at an optional undergraduate course on the connections between Lattice Theory and Abelian Group Theory and at a graduate level course on Abelian Group Theory. As a matter of fact, these two topics are the core of Grigore Călugăreanu's research. From February 1998, Grigore Călugăreanu is Professor at

“Babeş-Bolyai” University, and from 2001, he is also Associate Professor at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Faculty of Science of Kuwait University.

Grigore Călugăreanu had an important influence on the mathematical activity in Cluj-Napoca (and not only). He obtained many valuable and interesting results concerning Abelian groups and lattices, results published in more than 40 research papers concerning the structure of an abelian group in connection with some objects attached to it, such as the endomorphism ring or the subgroup lattice. We mention the results concerning the structure of some generalizations of extending abelian groups, obtained in collaboration with L. Fuchs, who can be considered the “father” of Abelian Group Theory. We also mention a characterization for abelian groups with semilocal endomorphism ring, a characterization of  $n$ -root property using subgroup lattices, and the results on the structure of abelian groups with continuous subgroup lattice (in collaboration with K. Benabdallah), and the structure of abelian groups with breaking point subgroup lattice (in collaboration with M. Deaconescu and S. Breaz). Along the time, Professor Călugăreanu’s communication abilities lead to numerous cooperations which are not confined to the field of mathematics. Thus, we can complete the list of collaborators by adding G. Birkenmeier, B. Charles, P. Goeters, P. Hamburg, R. Khazal, V. Leoreanu, C. Miodo, A. Orsatti, C. Pelea, D. Vălcan, H. Wiesler.

Last but not least, we should stress that all his mathematical activity was influenced by his teaching abilities. He is author and coauthor of 10 books for students or for experts in algebra. All these books are the fruit of his rich and successful teaching activity. Three of them were published by Kluwer Academic Publisher (now a part of Springer Verlag): *Exercices in Basic Ring Theory* (with P. Hamburg), *Lattice Concepts in Module Theory*, *Exercices in Abelian Group Theory* (with S. Breaz, C. Miodo, C. Pelea, D. Vălcan).

For a complete image on the exceptional work of Grigore Călugăreanu, both a teacher and a researcher, we present here the most important issues of his mathematical activity.

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### Visits Abroad

- 1993 COST - Research with Prof. Bernard Charles, Universit Technique du Languedoc, Montpellier 2
- 1995 TEMPUS - Teaching Algebra in University - Universita degli Studi di Padova
- 1997 NATO-CNR - Research with Prof. Adalberto Orsatti, Universita degli Studi di Padova
- 1999 FULBRIGHT - Research with Prof. Laszlo Fuchs, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA