TO THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTHDAY OF PROF. NEČAS

MATHEMATICA BOHEMICA

Conference Partial Differential Equations and Applications was held in Olomouc, December 13–17, 1999, to honour one of the most famous Czech mathematicians, Professor Jindřich Nečas on the occasion of his 70th birthday. This meeting gathered up mostly collaborators and former students of Professor Nečas and was organized by Instituto Superior Técnico (Lisbon, Portugal), Mathematical Institute of Charles University (Prague), Mathematical Institute of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Prague), and Palacký University (Olomouc).



Many outstanding mathematicians all over the world, working especially in partial differential equations, calculus of variations, functional analysis and applications of mathematics, presented communications at the conference. The high quality of the papers is reflected in the quality of those accepted for publication in the proceedings. During the event, the book Applied Nonlinear Analysis, edited by A. Sequeira, H. Beirão da Veiga and J. Videman (1999, Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, New York) containing contributions of many of his former students and collaborators, was offered to Professor Nečas as a special birthday gift.

Professor Nečas was born in Prague on December 14, 1929. He studied mathematics at the Faculty of Sciences of Charles University in Prague in 1948–1952. After a short period at the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Czech Technical University, he

joined the Mathematical Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences where he became Head of Department of Partial Differential Equations. He has been a member of staff of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University since 1977, Head of Department of Mathematical Analysis in 1967–1971 and, for many years, Head of Department of Mathematical Modelling, and an active and distinguished member of the Scientific Council of the Faculty. Since 1995 he has also been member of staff of Northern Illinois University where he got the Presidential Research Professorship in 1997.



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