Foreword

At the 3rd of October 1997, Prof. Dr. Radu Miron has reached 70 years of age. With that occasion the volume XLIII(1997), s I a, Matematică, f.2, of the journal "Analele Ştiinţifice ale Universităţii "Al.I.Cuza" Iaşi" was dedicated to Prof. Dr. Radu Miron. Also, the Romanian Academy dedicated to him the volume XLII, nr. 9-10, 1997 of the journal " Revue Roumaine de Mathematiques Pures et Appliqueés".

The University of Iaşi have celebrated Prof. Dr. Radu Miron by dedicating to him a Symposium and a Scientific Session wherein some guests from several higher education centers from within the country have partaken. On this special moment of anniversary, the scientific community both from home and from abroad has sent messages of hail and congratulations.

The organizing of the above mentioned Symposium have provided several participants the occasion of uttering allocution whereby Prof.'s Radu Miron scientific achievements were depicted and his strong personality features were evoked.

Both these discourses and the messages, received form home and from abroad, gave us the idea of confining them within an homage volume. The Volume with the title "The Mathematician RADU MIRON. His Work and Life" was published as the first number of a series titled "History of Mathematics and Mathematicians" by the publishing house "Geometry Balkan Press" from Bucharest in 1998.

Prof. Dr. Radu Miron continued to be very active both in teaching as Consulting Professor at the Faculty of Mathematics of the "Al.I.Cuza" University of Iaşi, as Professor at the "Petre Andrei" University in Iaşi and in research as a Member of the Romanian Academy. He continued to publish research papers and books and he was also involved in the political and social life at the level of the Iaşi County. Thus in the year 2002 when he reached 75 years, the "Al.I.Cuza" University and the Romanian Academy, Iaşi Branch decided to celebrate his 75th anniversary by organizing an International Conference devoted to the main field in that he is interested : Finsler, Lagrange and Hamiltonian geometries, and a special Symposium. The Conference held on August 26-30,2002 at the "Al.I.Cuza" Univesity of Iaşi, and the Symposium celebrating the 75th anniversary of Prof. dr. Radu Miron was scheduled just in the opening ceremony. It held in Senate Room and it benefited by over one hundred people including important public personalities as the President of the Council of Iaşi County, the Mayor of Iaşi City, the members of the Romanian Academy as well as the participants at the Conference from the our country and from abroad. There

were also there the representatives of the Ministry of Education and of the main universities from our country. A lot of important speeches were uttered and a lot of congratulation messages were received from our country and from abroad. Because of the atmosphere of the Symposium and the richness of the achievements of Prof. dr. Radu Miron between his 70 and 75 we thought he fully deserves a second edition of the homage volume published in 1998. This is now presented to the readers. It contains the most important speeches as well the messages of congratulations. Beside, the Volume comprises as well a broad and minute description of Professor's Miron contribution in the field of Mathematics, the up-to-date list of his publications , the text of the speeches held on the occasion of his reception in the Romanian Academy, some prefaces of his books and some papers by him.

The Volume includes as much as possible of the life and work of a man deeply committed to the science of Mathematics and to the education of the young generation. His life deeds stand as an example for young people to pursue. Being a conspicuous representative of a generation of Mathematicians, Prof. Radu Miron is for this present an essential link between his predecessors, artisans of a majestic age in Romanian Mathematics, and the new issue of Mathematicians, not merely Romanian. Keeping the legacy of the elders, he does convey it to the young but withal, enriched with the worth of his lifelong ceaseless performance of expanding the limits of the known Mathematics.

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