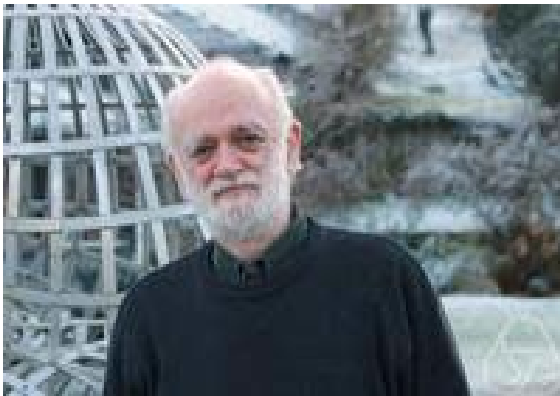


## Professor Paul Flondor

(1946-2025)

*In memoriam*



We announce with deep sorrow the passing of Mr. Paul Flondor, professor in the Department of Mathematical Methods and Models at the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest.

A subtle and profound researcher, he opened—naturally and effortlessly, as was his way—new lines of thought and action in various areas of pure and applied mathematics, leaving his mark through his character on all who knew him: students, colleagues, and friends.

One of the brightest minds of POLITEHNICA Bucharest, of the Central Institute of Informatics, and of the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy, Professor Paul Flondor turned his profession into an art, inspiring tens of generations of the university's engineers to think in a mathematical spirit. He was one of the promoters of the Scientific Seminar of the Faculty of Automatic Control and Computers and of the Department of Mathematical Methods and Models.

He loved Descartes and Plato. He loved Mozart and Bach, but above all stood the spectacle of rigorous, impeccable thought — Mathematics. And it is clear that Mathematics loved Paul Flondor as well, for it allowed him to approach its well-hidden secrets: mathematical logic, fuzzy set theory, analytic spaces, and algebraic geometry; to place his name on papers published in the most prestigious scientific journals, such as *Crelle's Journal*; and to understand the most subtle phenomena of the natural sciences, biology, and medicine, such as the mathematical modeling of

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scientifically important contemporary phenomena like endotoxin tolerance and microRNA dynamics.

Professor Paul Flondor had an exceptional academic career. His courses (among others, Mathematical Analysis, Special Mathematics, Functional Analysis) at the Faculty of Automatic Control and Computers were “magical,” as former students describe them on social media.

Paul Flondor was an untiring seeker of truth — truth in its purest, eternal form: mathematical truth. “If you learn to think mathematically, you won’t be able to think any other way,” he told his students. And “if you want to be a genuine seeker of truth, you must once in your life doubt, as far as possible, all things.” He was a master of fertile doubt.

Professor Paul Flondor served as Director of the Department of Mathematical Methods and Models, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Automatic Control and Computers at POLITEHNICA Bucharest, and researcher at the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy and the Central Institute of Informatics.

May God grant him rest.

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