

With deep sorrow, we announce that

Prof. RNDr. Jaroslav Kurzweil, DrSc.

the first post-November director and emeritus of the
Institute of Mathematics of the Czech Academy of Sciences

died on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the age of 95.

Professor Kurzweil made a significant contribution to the development of Czech and world mathematics and was one of the outstanding representatives of Czechoslovak mathematics. He was a pioneer of the theory of generalized integration and a leading figure in the qualitative theory of differential equations. He was a founding member of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic. He was an honorary foreign member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and a foreign member of the Royal Academy of Science, Letters and Fine Arts of Belgium. In 1996, he became the first holder of the honorary medal *De scientia et humanitate optime meritis* awarded by the Czech Academy of Sciences to outstanding personalities for particularly meritorious activities in science and humanities. As the first chair of the Accreditation Committee in 1990–2000, he made a significant contribution to improving the quality of higher education. In the years 1996–2002, he chaired the Union of Czech Mathematicians and Physicists. In 1997, he received the Medal of Merit of the First Degree from the President of the Czech Republic. In 2006, the government awarded him the National Prize Czech Mind for his outstanding contribution to Czech science. He was an honorary doctor of several Czech and Slovak universities.

He was also an excellent colleague, kind and good man, and was recognized outside the mathematical community as a person of firm principles and clear opinions. Honour his memory!

The last farewell will take place on Tuesday, March 22, at 12:30 pm in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Prague 4 – Lhotka, Ve Lhotce 330.

doc. RNDr. Tomáš Vejchodský, Ph.D.
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