

**IN MEMORIAM  
PROFESSOR PHD. WILHELM KECS**

Kecs Wilhelm was born on July 31, 1930 in Lupeni, Hunedoara County, Romania.

He attends High School in Petroșani, between 1947-1951, and the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Bucharest between 1951-1954.

On 07.05.1965 he obtains the scientific title of PhD in mathematics, with the doctoral thesis entitled „Application of Generalized Functions to Solve Problems of Elasticity Theory”, coordinated by academician Grigore Moisil.

He goes through all the hierarchical teaching levels in higher education, being an Assistant professor between 1954-1960, a Lecturer between 1960-1965, Associate Professor between 1965-1969 and a Professor from 1969 until his retirement.

Professor Wilhelm Kecs contributed to the development of the Mining Faculty and the Faculty of Mining Electromechanics of the Mining Institute of Petroșani as well as of the Department of Mathematics, which later became the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. He was Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Mining Engineering between 1962-1965, Dean of the Faculty of Mining Electromechanics between 1965-1972, and from 1969 until 2000, when he retired, he was Head of the Department of Mathematics.

In 1969, the State Council of R.S.R. awards Professor Wilhelm Kecs the Work Order Class III, „a token of appreciation for the work of merit in training and educating students and contribution to the development of education and culture in our homeland”.

In 1974 he receives the „Gheorghe Lazar” Award from the Romanian Academy, for „the set of papers on the theory of distributions and applications”.

Professor Wilhelm Kecs has extensive teaching activities in mathematics and mechanics which resulted in the publishing of 19 courses, works and tests, nine books, including 3 books published abroad (England, Russia, Netherlands).

He also supervised students in scientific research in the fields of mechanics, geometry, electrotehnics and mathematical analysis. The elaborated papers received awards at student scientific conferences.

He also trained students for the Professional Contest „Traian Lalescu” respectively the Balkan Mathematics Contest held in Sofia in 1974.

As President of the Petroșani Branch of the Romanian Society of Mathematics, Professor Wilhelm Kecs conducted comprehensive information and methodical activities with teachers in secondary and high school education delivering courses on scientific and methodical topics.

He conducted an extensive scientific work and research in mathematics and pure and applied mechanics, reflected in participation in scientific conferences (61 scientific papers), publishing 61 articles in journals and reviews of more than 100 papers for „Mathematical Reviews”.

He was PhD supervisor at the University of Craiova between 1972-1990, in the field of Theoretical Mechanics.

Professor Wilhelm Kecs is presented in encyclopedias and cited in dictionaries such as: Encyclopaedia of Mathematics (online and published by Kluwer Academic Publishers in 2002), History of Applied Mathematics and Classics in Romania (1971), Dictionary of Romanian Mathematicians from Abroad (2006).

Professor Wilhelm Kecs was a member of the Romanian Society of Mathematics and the American Mathematical Society, and since 2009 has been a founding member of the editorial board of the Transylvanian Journal of Mathematics and Mechanics which appears in Petroșani.

The national and international recognition of Professor Wilhelm Kecs is confirmed by citing the majority of his articles in Web of Science and their review in prominent journals such as: „Mathematical Reviews”, „Zentralblatt für Mathematik”, „Referativnyi Jurnal”.

For the special contribution of his scientific, teaching and promotion work, at the University of Petroșani, Professor Wilhelm Kecs received the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Petroșani.

The editorial board of the *Transylvanian Journal of Mathematics and Mechanics*, whose founding member you were, keep a vivid memory of your personality and aims to raise the scientific level of your work.

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