



PAULO TURÁN

in memoriam

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Paul Turán was born on 18th August 1910 in Budapest (Hungary) and died on 26th September 1976 in Budapest. He studied at the Pázmány Péter University at Budapest, where he got his Ph. D. degree in 1935. In the difficult circumstances of that period he was only able to get a job in 1937 as a teacher in a high school. He worked here till 1946. Between the years 1940 and 1944 he was held for 32 months in a labour camp. In 1946 he was appointed University Privat-docent at the Eötvös Lorand (formerly Pázmány Péter) University of Budapest. In 1947 — at the invitation of Harald Bohr — he went to Copenhagen and then to the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton. He came back to Hungary at the end of 1948. In 1949 he became Professor at the Eötvös Lorand University. From 1960 he was also head of the Function Theory Department at the Mathematical Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He became a corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1948, and an ordinary member in 1953. He was visiting Professor at a number of universities and he also gave several hundred individual lectures at conferences at about a hundred universities of twenty countries. He published about 250 papers, and wrote a monograph entitled “Az analízis egy új módszeréről és annak alkalmazásairól” which had also a German and a revised Chinese edition. Another book of his “On a new method of analysis and its applications”, is to appear shortly. In 1948 he was awarded the second and in 1952 the first grade of the Kossuth prize for his scientific work, and in 1975 the Szele prize for his merits in creating scientific schools. He was on the editorial board of *Acta Arithmetica*, *Archiv für Mathematik*, *Analysis Mathematica*, *Compositio Mathematica*, *Journal of Number Theory*, and most of the Hungarian mathematical journals. He was president of the János Bolyai Mathematical Society and also a member of the American, Austrian and Polish Mathematical Societies.
