

## FROM *PEF* TO *AADM*, VIA *MAGT*

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This journal, *Applicable Analysis and Discrete Mathematics (AADM)*, continues the former *Publikacije Elektrotehničkog Fakulteta - serija Matematika (PEF)*, or with the English title, *Publications of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering - series Mathematics*. Founded in the year 1956 as *Serija Matematika i Fizika*, the journal will continue its life under the new name, with two issues per year, appearing in April and October. This first issue of *AADM* is published simultaneously with the last issue of *PEF*.

The new name reflects the scope of the journal, which remains a general mathematical journal, concentrated around areas such as classical mathematical analysis (including convexity and inequalities with applications), functional analysis, differential and difference equations, special functions, combinatorics and graph theory, applications in probability and statistics, numerical analysis and computer science.

This first issue features twenty four papers presented at the conference *Topics in Mathematical Analysis and Graph Theory (MAGT)* that was held in Belgrade, September 1–4, 2006, as a satellite meeting to the International Congress of Mathematicians in Madrid. The conference was organized as a part of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of *PEF*, and the new name was given to the journal in the course of the conference.

The activities related to the conference were initiated in summer of the year 2005. We started with the project of preserving all past issues of *PEF* in a digital form and posting them on the Web site of the journal; another version was made on compact discs to be distributed to participants of the *MAGT*. Then, a sequence of tasks was in order to be done. Some of them were annoying, boring, not wanted, but, generally it was a challenge to try to find best solutions.

Mathematicians are typically lonely workers, and this enterprise was calling for a team work. For me, it was an extraordinary experience to coordinate several teams with many interconnected tasks. None of us had any previous involvement in organizing any small or big conference, and our ideas were coming from recollections of what we liked or disliked in meetings that we had attended in the past. In the course of preparing the conference, we learned a variety of new things,

from non-mathematical world, bits about banking, tourism, diplomacy, politics, food, law, public relations, etc. There were many people involved in the organization of the *MAGT*. The complete list of names can be found at the Web site <http://magt.etf.bg.ac.yu>, together with other details and photos from the conference.

The selection of topics for the *MAGT* was made according to (past and present) scientific interests of members of the Department of Applied Mathematics at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering. The selection of invited speakers was made with an idea to meet old friends and to make new friendships. The talks were interesting enough to keep most of participants inside the conference rooms, for all four days of the scientific program. It's not that they did not have where else to go. It was a nice and sunny late summer, and in the conference bags they could find a plenty of exciting hints to spend time in outdoor cafés, to visit *places of interest*, or to stroll along the banks of two big rivers. But they opted to attend the talks, which was a clear sign that the scientific purpose of the *MAGT* was met.

Unfortunately, the conference was definitively the last meeting with our two dear friends and distinguished colleagues. FRANCIS K. BELL passed away on December 19, 2006. LEV M. BERKOVICH passed away on March 14, 2007. Their contributions to Mathematics will continue to live in journals and books, and memories to them will remain in our hearts.

With this special issue, the work related to the *MAGT* is finally over. While expressing my gratitude to all who supported and participated in the organizing of the conference, I am anxiously looking forward to receiving new submissions of quality, for future issues of the *AADM*.