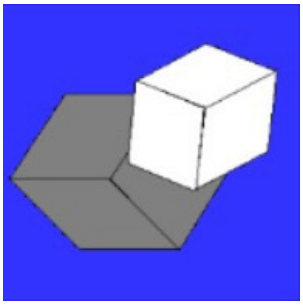


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In memoriam of Professor Emeritus Ioannis Mittas

In April 2012, Professor Emeritus Ioannis Mittas passed away. He was born in 1921 in Veria, Greece and he received his B.S. in Mathematics from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Ph.D in Mathematics from the National Technical University of Athens in 1970. In 1973, he was elected Professor, Chair of Advanced Mathematics, Faculty of Engineering Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, where he served till his retirement in1985, occupying important posts including that of the Dean of the Faculty; straight after his retirement he was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. He was a member of a numerous societies and member of the editorial committee of several journals. He was awarded The National Resistance 1941-1944 Medal for his participation in the resistance during the German Occupation of Greece.

Professors Mittas's contribution to hyperstructure theory was pioneering as he published numerous papers in several journals and proceedings among which his most famous paper Hypergroupes canoniques, Math. Balkanica,V.2, (1972). He continued working and publishing results and research papers and his ex PhD students and co-researchers go on publishing results on the topics he introduced and founded.

Professor Emeritus Ioannis Mittas was a great mathematician and a great personality and everyone was eager to work and collaborate with him.

Thomas Vougiouklis

To the first-rate presentation by Prof. Vougiouklis, the Chief-Editor can add only few words:

Prof. Mittas gave first-rate contributions to the Science which assure him a high-ranking place in the History of Mathematics. Not only his ex PhD students and co-researchers could value his results. For instance I myself also, began to work in Hyperstructures (and I still continue), after having read, by chance, about 40 years ago his paper mentioned above. At that time I did not know him, I met him in the following years, and I could appreciate also his excellent human qualities.

Piergiulio Corsini