

Dan Butnariu (1951 - 2008)



Our Friend and colleague Professor Dan Butnariu has passed away on July 4, 2008.

Dan was born in Hirlau, Romania on February 1, 1951. He studied at University 'Al. I. Cuza' in Iasi, received his PhD in 1980 under Irinel Dragan, and continued to teach there until 1983. He immigrated to Israel in 1984, and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Weizmann Institute of Science until 1986, when he moved to the University of Haifa. Dan was chair of the Department of Mathematics in 1997-1999, and has held visiting positions in Linz, at the University of Texas, in Rio de Janeiro, and at CUNY. An active researcher in various fields of applied mathematics, he published over 70 papers in approximation theory, convexity, operator theory, game theory, fuzzy topology, and mathematical economics. Dan had a number of graduate students, and served on the editorial board of several journals. He was a member of the AMS since 1985. He is survived by his wife, daughter, grandson, and mother.