

Dear friends,

I am very sorry not to be able to participate in this conference which is devoted to our late friend and colleague Mati. He was an excellent mathematician who deeply marked a whole area of research by an insight that will be studied for many years to come. For me, he has played the role of an older mathematical brother, somebody who was always ready to answer any questions, dealing with mathematics or career development. I called him when I learnt of his last bout of cancer and we talked about mathematics and life. We said our goodbyes while discussing a mathematical problem. That was Mati, full of dignity and intelligence to the last moment. I miss him.

—Mirna Džamonja