



M.V. Subbarao in Memoriam

1921–2006

We lost a scientist and a friend when Professor Emeritus M.V. Subbarao passed away on 15th of February, 2006 in Edmonton.

Professor Subbarao was born in Yazali, Andhra Pradesh, India in May 4, 1921. He studied mathematics in the University of Madras, and received his Ph.D. degree there, in 1951. After having some assistant, associate and

full professor positions in some cities of India, in 1960 he was invited to the University of Missouri, Columbia (USA) where he worked until 1968 with the exception of the year 1966-1967 when he worked as the chairman of Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Kerala in Trivandrum and Kochin. In 1968 he was nominated as a professor to the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, where he worked until 1990, and as a Professor Emeritus until his death. He had brilliant ideas until the last day of his life.

His main interest was number theory. Beside of this he was interested in topology and functional analysis as well. We wrote close to 200 research papers in number theory. He stated several open problems and conjectures, and he stimulated the development of the science on this way as well. Several Hungarian mathematicians (Bui Minh Phong, János Fehér, László Tóth, Antal Iványi, István Joó, myself) published papers in topics initiated by him.

In his research he collaborated with several scientists. In the last seven years we wrote several joint papers.

I join his family in their sorrow, in particular, his wife Suseela, and his daughter, and his son.

We keep the memory of Dr. Subbarao alive.

Imre Kátai