

## IN MEMORIAM



**STEFAN MANEV DODUNEKOV**  
**(1945–2012)**

We are deeply saddened to announce that our colleague and friend Acad. Prof. Stefan Dodunekov passed away on August 5, 2012 after a brief illness.

Prof. Dodunekov was born on September 5, 1945 in the town of Kilifarevo. In 1968 he graduated from the University of Sofia with a degree in mathematics. He defended his PhD thesis in mathematics in 1975, became a Doctor of Science in 1986, and a full professorship in 1990. In 2004 he was elected a corresponding member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and in 2008, a full member. In 1999 Prof. Dodunekov became Director of the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and since June 19, 2012 he was elected for President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Dodunekov was a world-renowned scholar in the area of coding theory and its applications for data transfer and information security. He was the founder of the Bulgarian school of coding theory. Prof. Dodunekov authored nu-

merous publications in prestigious international journals and proceedings of conferences. He taught at the University of Sofia, the University of Veliko Tarnovo, the Free University of Burgas, the Southwestern University of Blagoevgrad, the New Bulgarian University. Prof. Dodunekov had also lectures at the universities of Linköping, Göteborg, Ulm, Delft.

Prof. Dodunekov was the founder and Editor-in-Chief of “Serdica Journal of Computing”. Since 2001 he was Chairman of the Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians. He was one of the initiators of the rebirth of the Balkan Mathematical Union as the Mathematical Society of South Eastern Europe (MASSEE), and President of MASSEE (2005–2009). Prof. Dodunekov was also a member of the Information Theory Society, American Mathematical Society and Combinatorial Society of China.

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