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## IN MEMORIAM PROFESSOR JAN BÍLEK

Professor RNDr. Jan Bílek, Head of the Department of Mathematics of the Institute of Chemical Technology and Dean of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering, died in Prague on March 10, 1972.

Prof. JAN BÍLEK was born on May 15, 1907 in Žďár near Mnichovo Hradiště. After graduating from the university he was teacher at a secondary school. In the year 1946 he joined the Institute of Chemical Technology, remaining member of its staff till his death. It was this Institute where he was appointed Associated Professor (Dozent) in 1952 and Professor in 1959. In the years 1953—6 as well as since 1966 till the end of his life he was Dean of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering.

The main field of scientific interest of Prof. Bílek was the algebraic geometry. As a pupil of Prof. B. Bydžovský he made his start in the classical algebraic geometry, but soon he got engaged fully in modern disciplines which are characterized by making use of abstract algebra and topology. His scientific work was closely connected with his educational activity. He was a co-author of a textbook of mathematics for secondary schools and of a number of university lecture notes. At the same time, he contributed considerably to the activities of the Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists.

A more detailed analysis of Prof. Bílek's scientific and educational activities may be found in the article: *Zemřel prof. Jan Bílek* by V. Vilhelm, Čas. pěst. mat. *97* (1972), 433—436.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mathematical Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in cooperation with the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University and the Computing Center of the Technical University Brno organize

### THIRD CONFERENCE

### ON BASIC PROBLEMS OF NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS

with international attendance, which will be held at Prague, August 27—31, 1973.

The conference links to the conferences held at Liblice in the years 1964 and 1967.

The address of the Organizing Comittee: Matematický ústav ČSAV v Praze, Opletalova 45, 110 00 Praha 1, ČSSR.