FOREWORD

This issue of Revue Roumaine de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées is dedicated to Professor Lucian Bădescu, on the occasion of his 70th birthday in June 2014, in appreciation for his many mathematical accomplishments in research, teaching and mentoring.

As Research Professor at IMAR (Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy) and Professor in the Geometry Chair of the Department of Mathematics of the University of Bucharest until 2002, Lucian Bădescu played a central role in the creation and development of a Romanian school in Algebraic Geometry. He was one of the leading figures of the Algebraic Geometry Seminar at IMAR. In time, this seminar attracted a large number of students and young researchers, who later became established mathematicians at prestigiuos academic institutions in North America or Europe.

Since 2002, Lucian Bădescu has been a Professor at Genova University, Italy. He published two books that became well-known to researchers in the field worldwide: *Algebraic Surfaces*, Universitext, Springer-Verlag, New York, 2001 (translated from the 1981 Romanian original), and *Projective Geometry and Formal Geometry*, Birkhäuser-Verlag, Basel, 2004, and around 60 research articles, having a significant impact in Algebraic Geometry.

The papers published in this volume are written by Bădescu's colleagues, friends or former students. We are greatful to all authors for their contributions, and together, we wish Lucian Bădescu a long and productive continuation of his activity.

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