

Great recognition PROFESSOR MARINKOVIĆ



The Executive Committee of the *World federation of national mathematics competitions* announced the names of the winners' *Pal Erdeš* "for 2002. year. Three year's winners were from three continents (this is one of the criteria for the award dodelau), and among them is Professor **Bogoljub Marinkovic** of Belgrade. B.Marinkovića addition, this year's winners of the prestigious awards are Harold Braun Reiter (USA) and Hsjen Sun Wen (Taiwan).

Pal Erdeš Award is awarded every other year, starting since 1992. year, three mathematical ticar, in recognition of the contribution in working with young lovers of mathematics and mathematical development of competition, which is an incentive to improve teaching and enhanced by theching of mathematics education of young people.

Among the winners were such names as: Nikolay Konstantinov (Russia), Walter Mintka (USA), Jordan Tabov (Bulgaria), Wolfgang Engel (Germany), Janos

Shuranji (Hungary), etc.

The explanation says that the prize is awarded to Professor Marinkovic, Adviser for Mathematics, founder of the Club (Society) of young mathematicians "Archimedes", the initiator and organizer of several math competitions, mathematics refer to differences in school pupils - to contribute to the improvement of mathematics education in their country. Its activity has significantly contributed to enriching the mathematics education of young people for a long period.

The award is named *Pal Erdeš* (Paul Erdes 1913-1996), one of the greatest mathematicians of 20th century. Known as the most prolific mathematician after Euler, the author or coauthor of about 1,500 mathematical papers and books. He was a great popularizer of mathematics and played a major role in encouraging and developing young talented mathematicians in Hungary, and in the whole world.

Professor Marinkovic awards and medals will be presented during the *Fourth International Conference of the World Federation of National Mathematics Competition*, which will be held from 4 to 11 August this year in Melbourne.

Bogoljub Marinkovic (which all who know him - friends, students, colleagues - called short - Bogi) is known in our country as great enthusiasts in popularization of mathematics in the domain of the young lovers of mathematics (such as P. Erdeš), an outstanding worker and creator, in many ways a pioneer in this area. It is almost a whole lifetime working to improve the mathematics education of young people and teaching mathematics at all levels, both within their workplace (as advisor for mathematics in educational and pedagogical services and then as an adviser to the Minister of Education), and within professional associations Mathematicians (Physical Society of Serbia, then the Club of Young Mathematicians "Archimedes"). It is important to mention that he is the founder and

main pillar of all activities of the Club of Young Mathematicians "Archimedes," through which, during his nearly thirty years of existence, past tens of thousands of student-lover of mathematics (including a large number of holders of prizes and other awards to mathematical competitions at all levels and in various competitions). Many of them are now known to scientists, engineers and professors at universities around the world.

In the MS "Archimedes", as a specialized center for gifted mathematics and computer enthusiasts, throughout the school year for a permanent "Archimedes" school of young mathematicians, are held regularly summer and winter school math and computer for the students each year to maintain the basic team championships for primary and secondary schools in Republic of Serbia in mathematics (the famous "Archimedes" mathematical tournaments), organized the participation of students in the International Mathematics Tournament of Towns, held numerous seminars for teachers (every month - discussion for teachers of mathematics, every other month - a mathematical discussion for teachers and computer stands, each January - a traditional Republican specialized seminars for teachers of mathematics, computer science teachers and for teachers), mathematical quizzes, etc. ... The club has an impressive library, which was also created for years Professor Marinkovic, and publishing activities of the Club did not stop even in the most difficult period. The "Archimedes" in the past few years, the so-called. *Olympic groups* throughout the school year, organize the preparation of students - potential candidates for our team in international mathematics competitions (Balkan and international Olympiad, International Mathematics Tournament of Towns, etc..), From which students regularly return with medals and awards.

We join in congratulating Professor Marinkovic, on the occasion of this great award, which is both a tribute to our country.

Please note that the prof. Marinkovic recently received another prestigious *Vuk Karadzic's award* for 2001. year for "outstanding contribution to the development of culture in Serbia and Serbian cultural space and a proven commitment to Vuk's ideals." A twenty year ago he got two major awards for the educational activities will be: Award of Belgrade "Dositej Obradović" award and the Republican "25 May", and last year won an award, "*Dr. Vojislav Bakic*" - for lifetime achievement in pedagogy.

Therefore, it is a great enthusiast, enthusiasts and professionals, whose work is rich oeuvre, and achieved remarkable results.

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