

Obituary of Alfredo Lorenzi



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Alfredo Lorenzi graduated in Mathematics under supervision of Giovanni Ricci, a famous Italian mathematician. At the beginning of his career he spent some years at the University of Florence where he met Giorgio Talenti. Then Lorenzi was appointed assistant professor at the University of Milan. Eventually, at the same university, he became full professor on November 1, 1980. He established his career as mathematician and fully devoted himself to research till the very end of his life.

Alfredo was always very original and independent in choosing his topics. His major contributions were in the area of ill-posed and inverse problems. In this field, he obtained many results mostly related to evolution equations and to equations of integro-differential type. Lorenzi has had long-time connection with the Russian school of inverse problems. In this field, he always tried to promote scientific collaborations between Russian and Italian scholars. Alfredo was particularly fond of Russian culture to the point that he became quite fluent in Russian. Dedication, high standards, and perseverance, such words can aptly describe Alfredo Lorenzi as scientist, teacher, and a person.

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