

Jacob Palis

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I was a member of the IMU Executive Committee from 1992-2000, when Jacob Palis was Secretary. He did a great job in a very challenging position, and it fun and enlightening for me to be able to work with him. He has a great sense of humour, which he combined with clear headed understanding of how the IMU could best advance the interests of mathematics and mathematicians at the highest international levels.

Jacob was also a powerful force in the development of mathematics in Brazil, and in Latin America as a whole. IMPA is a magical place, and my two visits there at Jacob's invitation, were among the most enjoyable conferences I have ever attended.

I wish Jacob health and happiness on his eightieth birthday, and in the years that follow.