

Many Years of Friendship with Jacob Palis

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It is hard to say when we met with Jacob for the first time. It feels like a long time ago.

At the end of the 1980s J. Palis came to Russia for the first time. It was a memorable visit. Around that time the book "Geometrical theory of dynamical systems" by Wellington and Jacob was translated and published in Russia. Jacob met many Russian mathematicians working in the theory of dynamical systems, participated in the works of Russian seminars in dynamics, gave a number of talks. Later, many Russian mathematicians started to participate in the famous Summer Schools and Conferences in Trieste and Rio.

The interaction was not only mathematical. It really was the beginning of friendship which still lasts.

Jacob was a central figure in dynamics. At times it felt that the whole world of mathematics is rotating around him. Under Jacob's leadership the famous Institute, IMPA, became one of the world leading mathematical centers. And beloved one as well. These were golden years of mathematics for both of us, and for many of our friends.

Dear Jacob, we wish you many happy returns. And many more beautiful mathematical moments!

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