

YAŞAR POLATOĞLU'S 60th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



Yaşar Polatoğlu was born in 1950 in Van, a city in eastern part of Turkey. He spent his primary and secondary school years in his home town. He continued his education in Kabataş Erkek Lycée in İstanbul, which is one of the leading schools in Turkey. In 1973, he began his studies on Mathematics at İstanbul University and he graduated from the Department of Mathematics in 1977. In 1980, he received his Master of Science degree from İstanbul University, and in 1983 he was awarded with PhD by the same institution. During both his master and doctoral studies, he worked under the supervision of Suzan Kahramaner. After receiving his PhD, Polatoğlu continued his post-doctoral studies at the University of Virginia, in the USA.

Between the years 1980 and 2001, Polatoğlu spent his academic carrier at İstanbul Technical University, Marmara University, Uludağ University and İstanbul University. Since 2001, he has been working at İstanbul Kültür University.

Today, Prof. Polatoğlu is considered as one of the leading Turkish scientists in the field of the Geometric Function Theory. He has published over 70 peer-reviewed papers in prestigious scholarly journals and books, and he has also received several national and international awards. Additionally, he is a member of the editorial boards of more than 10 scientific international journals.

With his distinguished ability in combining his research work with educational activities, Prof. Yaşar Polatoğlu is a renowned teacher. He is an outstanding mathematician in his field and high standards of his professionalism can be seen in everything he does. So far, he has supervised 8 MSc and 4 PhD theses. Many mathematicians have had the privilege of being Polatoğlu's students both in science and in life.

Congratulating Prof. Yaşar Polatoğlu on his 60th birthday on behalf of his friends, colleagues, disciples, and the GFTA'2010 International Committees and all participants, we wish him much happiness, health, longevity, and continuing creative successes.

On behalf of his friends, colleagues and disciples