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Foreword

This special issue is dedicated to Academician Professor Dorin Șerban Ieșan, who will celebrate his 85th Birthday on April 8, 2026. The papers in this issue pay tribute to his many research contributions and to his service to the *Journal of Thermal Stresses*, as well as recognize his profound influence on our development as researchers in the field of continuum mechanics. Dorin's research has addressed both fundamental questions and specific problems in continuum mechanics and thermo-mechanics—often with a focus on developing new thermo-visco-elastic and microstructural theories that offer a more refined description of natural phenomena. Over the years, these interests have led him to publish more than 220 papers on various important aspects of solid and fluid mechanics.

We, the undersigned, have benefited in one way or another from your highly qualified supervision or from your expert collaboration in addressing significant research problems in the scientific literature of our time. We were also deeply moved by the human warmth with which you welcomed us—whether as your students or as equal collaborators in the field of Mechanics.

For those of us who had the privilege to know you, it was both a blessing and a great opportunity to meet such a distinguished researcher, internationally recognized yet remarkably modest and humane. Always ready to offer unconditional support with warmth and affection—whether to a student, a doctoral candidate, or an experienced researcher—you embody the true qualities of great individuals.

Dear Dorin, with affection and joy, we wish you a very Happy 85th Birthday. We also wish you continued health and vigor for many years to come, inspiring both young and experienced researchers with your invaluable scientific work.

Michele, Ramon, and Stan, like our late friend Nino Scalia, we were fortunate to have known you. Although our paths were different, a natural empathy quickly emerged, leading us to follow you with great attention and to learn from you the most diverse methodologies and techniques that represent essential aspects of research in Physics/Mathematics.

We must also emphasize that you have not only been a Master in science but also a model of civil behavior and academic integrity. All of this, combined with a sincere friendship that included our dear late Nino Scalia—who worked so closely with you—has created a lasting bond of genuine affection and deep gratitude toward you, dear Dorin.

We renew our wishes with the same sincere feelings expressed above, addressed to an exceptional Master to whom we say, from the bottom of our hearts: thank you, thank you!

May all that you have accomplished, both scientifically and personally, continue to bear fruit through the seeds you have sown with such selflessness and dedication throughout your life.

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