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THANK YOU, PROFESSOR VĂDUVA

I first had the privilege of attending Professor Văduva's courses as a Master's student in "Applied Informatics". Each course was accompanied by at least a related and fascinating story that our Professor would passionately share with us. His lectures were far from being not only informative or instructive. Instead, they were delightful, pleasant and vibrant, reflecting Professor Văduva's deep passion for mathematics and his vast experience in both mathematics and informatics. His work in informatics spanned from the early systems and computers, about which he liked to recall fondly, his research was impressive and prestigious, and we were privileged to be there during his time.

Under his guidance, I learned so much, not only about the course topics but also beyond. Professor Văduva served as my dissertation paper coordinator, and he encouraged me to continue my academic journey within the faculty's staff after completing my master's studies. Subsequently, he accepted to supervise my PhD thesis.

During my PhD time, Professor Văduva regularly organized scientific seminars, where he diligently trained and encouraged us, his students, to present our research. He took the time to connect with each of us, sharing knowledge, directions, examples, and offering valuable advice. Whenever we needed support or help, he was always willing to provide

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his undivided attention immediately. He truly made us feel like we were part of his extended family.

As a PhD student and later as a colleague, I felt extremely honored to have been a part of Professor Ion Văduva's team. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude. I miss the well-explained courses, the engaging stories, and the wise counsel. Though time has passed, and our dear Professor is no longer with us, I cherish the memories from my student and earlier academic staff years, which were beautifully enriched and marked by his presence.

Thank you, Professor Văduva, and may your soul rest in peace.

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