



”All four of us, J.C. Artés, J. Llibre, D. Schlomiuk and N. Vulpe know personally Professor Popa whom we met either in Chişinău or in Montreal and we all value his work in the development of the invariant theory of differential equations, founded in Moldova by academician C.S. Sibirschi.

The four of us work on a long term project based on the results obtained by the Moldavian school in the invariant theory of differential equations.

Professor M. Popa is a brilliant disciple of C.S. Sibirschi and his work introduced a new viewpoint in the method of invariant theory, by using Lie algebras and differential operators for constructing new invariant polynomials and applying them in the qualitative study of differential equations. During the period 1998 - 2014 Professor M. Popa has been the scientific advisor of nine young mathematicians who obtained their doctorate under his supervision and he continues to form other young mathematicians. Thus he is a leading member of the Moldavian school in mathematics.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday we congratulate Professor M. Popa on his achievements and we wish him good health and many more contributions in mathematics.

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The Editorial Board of the *”Buletinul Academiei de Ştiinţe a Republicii Moldova. Matematica”* cordially congratulate Professor Mihail Popa on the occasion of his 70th anniversary and we wish him good health, prosperity and new successes in his scientific and didactic activity.