

We are proud to be side by side

It is very difficult to speak about Svetlana Cojocaru. We don't think that each evocation is sufficiently appropriate to her real nature, character and activity.

Let us try to represent point by point some traits which characterize her personality.

In the first place is fidelity. Let us bring only one example. Starting with the third year at the University she activates with Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science (IMCS).

Don't forget that she is a lady with all the ensuing consequences. Being faithful she at the same time likes everything that is new, she wishes changes and diversity. Being directed at post graduate study she didn't accept the proposed theme but had chosen the theme to her taste. Her first researches were in the domain of formal grammars. Natural language processing was her choice in the framework of collaboration with Romanian Academy of Sciences. From 1990 she successfully continues to obtain the results which are highly appreciated by specialists in corresponding domain.

It is natural that Romanian language is the object of these researches funded by national and international projects. In a few years, not abandoning natural language she joins in the project on computational algebra in the framework of the program with Sweden Royal Academy. The projects lasted consecutively for 12 years. From these researches the interest in intelligent interfaces came out. It became the theme of her second (doctor in habilitation) theses. She has the gift to inspire colleagues (including the youth) with her interests. She leads several post graduates trying to explore new directions and domains together with them. Now she takes part in the researches concerning Decision Support System development in ultrasonography.

Along with the publications in prestigious publishers as Springer, Thomson, Elsevier etc she has 3 monographs, and they are from different domains: compiler construction, problems of informational society creation, computational algebra.

We want to make the unbiassed representation and not the panegyric, so let us go on with purely human qualities.

Her sense of beauty is so pronounced, that it is felt by any visitor of IMCS (the hall, offices, conference hall, library are finally the products of her delicate taste). In academic circles the IMI is well-known not only for scientific results of its researchers, but for various expositions of pictures and photography art as well, and S.Cojocaru being one of the organizers of these vernissages.

Many initiatives promoted in IMCS are the products of insistency of our colleague.

Nobody can tell that holding the official posts in IMCS (scientific secretary from 1999 and vice director from 2005) she gained the authority by something else than by her competency and ability to convince those who didn't feel from the very beginning the reason for which some idea is promoted. Each of us benefited from her help and useful

advices. Her vision is always characterized by lucidity and competence.

We think that she also will be amazed when reading, that risk is inherent in herself, the risk which has its origin in intuition or, better to say, in correct appreciation of the situation.

Whether consciously or not (and consciously nevertheless) she is associated with a cat with its remarkable traits of tenderness and insistency in achieving the goal. The evidence is her collection of cats-souvenirs each of which has its own temper and something which is similar to the proprietress.

We see our colleague in the prime of life with plans for new achievements, with insistency in their implementation, with kindness in relations with colleagues.

The editorial board of CSJM knows the broad activity of Svetlana Cojocaru in publishing the journal the initiator of which she was and the promoter of which she is from 1993, being its editor and the author as well.

We wish ourselves continuous activity together with herself, and we wish her heartily many long years, happiness and new achievements.

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