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FOREWORD

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1. INTRODUCTION

When Jerzy mentioned in Będlewo, on 17 August 2004, that George was the person who introduced him to the international scientific community, George was quite taken by that compliment, which, as we think, was not only a compliment. This happened in Będlewo, where Jerzy introduced George at a special session in honor of Jerzy's 60th birthday. This was a preliminary session related to the 13th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics (IWMS), held in Będlewo 18–21 August 2004. The special session was the idea of Augustyn Markiewicz and we understand that it took a while before Jerzy agreed with it. Now, after realising how soon (8 March 2005) Jerzy passed away, our society can be pleased to have that session arranged.

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