

Obituary

Much to our regret, our Editorial Board member, Professor H.J. Weinitschke, died suddenly while undergoing heart surgery on December 5, 1991. He was a member of our Editorial Board since 1978. His contributions to our journal, both his reviewing work concerning other people's papers and the papers written by himself, are remembered with gratitude. His last was a seminal paper on the nonlinear theory of membranes, co-authored by his colleague Professor Grabmüller, which appeared in our recent Anniversary Issue.

Hubertus Weinitschke was born in Waldenburg in Schlesien, Germany on March 11, 1929. Having completed his undergraduate training in Münster, where he read Mathematics and Physics, he took his PhD under Eric Reissner at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In the period 1958–1963 he was in California, where he was Instructor and Assistant Professor at UCLA and where he also spent some time with Hughes Aircraft. On his return to Germany, he worked under Lothar Collatz, before taking up the Chair of Mathematics and Mechanics at the Technical University of Berlin. Professor Weinitschke stayed in Berlin until 1977 when he went to the University of Erlangen–Nürnberg. There, until his recent death, he occupied the Chair of Applied Mathematics. In the early eighties he spent an extended and, in a scientific sense, greatly rewarding sabbatical at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Professor Weinitschke's scientific interests were mostly in the area between mathematics and mechanics. Lately, most of his attention went to stability and bifurcation problems in solid mechanics, particularly to asymptotic and numerical ways of solving concrete problems in this particular field. His many papers bear witness to his great expertise.

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