Preface

This special issue of Acta Mathematica Vietnamica is dedicated to the memory of Le Van Thiem (1918-1991).

Le Van Thiem was one of the first Vietnameses who received a Ph. D in mathematics. He was well-known for his partial solution to the inverse Nevanlinna problem [Über das Umkehrproblem der Wertverteilungslehre, Comment. Math. Helv. 23 (1949), 26–49]. Le Van Thiem had made profound contributions to the development of mathematical education and research in Viet Nam. He was the head of the Department of Mathematics of the Hanoi University when it was founded in 1957 and the head of the Institute of Mathematics of the National Center of Natural Science and Technology when it was established in 1970.

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Le Van Thiem's birthday and the 50th anniversary of his celebrated work, the Institute of Mathematics (NCST) in cooperation with the Université Paul Sabatier of Toulouse had organized the International Conference on Complex Analysis and Applications in Hanoi, September 24-26, 1998.

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