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MATH+ Mourns the Loss of Andreas Griewank

On 16th September 2021, Professor Andreas Griewank passed unexpectedly away at the age of 71. Berlin mathematics has lost a highly respected colleague and wonderful person.

Born in Kassel, Andreas Griewank studied mathematics in Clausthal and Freiburg. After he received his diploma in 1976, he went to Australia, where he got a Master's degree from the University of Canberra and where he also completed his dissertation in mathematics under Richard P. Brent in 1980. After two years as a postdoc in Cambridge, he started as assistant professor at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1982, became associate professor in 1986 and was tenured in 1987. From 1987-1993, Andreas Griewank continued working in the US at the Argonne National Laboratory, from 1992 in the capacity of a Senior Mathematician. He returned to Germany in 1993 as professor and director of the Institute of Scientific Computing at TU Dresden. In 2003, he came to HU Berlin as a Matheon professor. He was an active member of the Research Center Matheon and the Berlin Mathematical School as well as an outspoken and committed member of the Berlin mathematics community.

Although he retired in 2015, Andreas Griewank continued to participate not only in the academic life of Berlin but also worldwide: he committed his energy to the newly founded Universided Yachay Tech in Ecuador, where he served as dean of the Mathematics Faculty since 2015.

MATH+ mourns the loss of a wonderful member of the scientific community. Our thoughts are with his fa