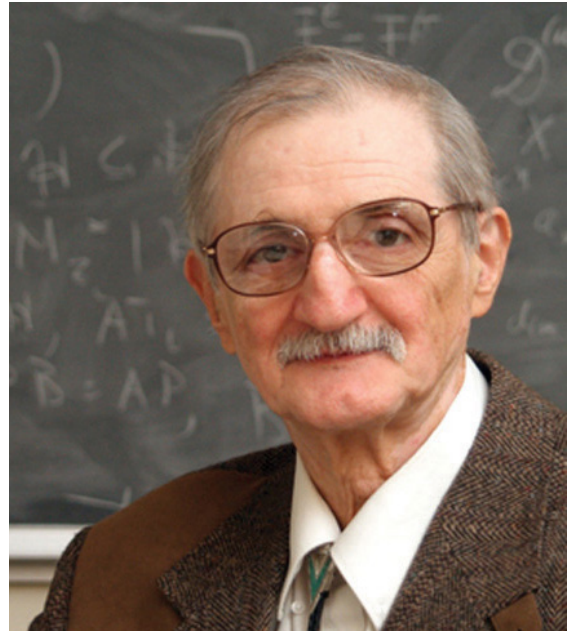


CIPRIAN FOIAS

Born in Romania, Ciprian Foias studied mathematics at the University of Bucharest and completed his dissertation in 1957. However, he was not allowed to defend it and graduate until 1962 because his father, a respected physician, was sent to a forced labor camp when the Communist Party took over. In 1978, Ciprian defected while at a mathematics conference in Helsinki and with the help of his French colleagues, he gained political asylum status in France. Eventually, he accepted a position at Indiana University, where he remained as a Distinguished Professor until his retirement twenty years later. He then went on to gain Distinguished Professor status at Texas A&M as well.



Ciprian's legacy is that of a giant in so many disparate areas of mathematics. He made seminal contributions to spectral theory, dilation theory, evolution equations, control theory, ergodic theory, and approximation theory of linear operators, to name a few. In all, he authored or co-authored 11 books and over 500 journal articles.

In recognition of his stellar achievements, Ciprian received numerous awards and honorary degrees. He was inducted into the Hungarian and Romanian Academies of Science, as well as the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1995, he was awarded the Norbert Wiener Prize for Applied Mathematics from the AMS and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Here at IU, Ciprian was awarded the Rothrock Teaching Award in recognition of his devotion to his students and his dedication to teaching.

Born: Resita, Romania July 20, 1933
Died: Tempe, Arizona March 22, 2020
Years at IU: 1980-2000

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