

## PREFACE

This Memorial Issue, as announced in the previous volume of the *Boletín de la Sociedad Matemática Mexicana*, is dedicated to the memory of the late Professor José Adem, friend and mentor of the Mexican mathematical community and founder of the Second Series of the *Boletín*.

After Dr. Adem's passing on February 14, 1991, invitation letters requesting original research papers were sent on behalf of the editorial committee of the *Boletín*, mainly to topologists and algebraists, but also to many other mathematicians that had some relation with José Adem or his work. We thank all the contributors that responded to our invitation to participate in this memorial issue, which after considerable delay we are pleased to offer to the mathematical community.

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We deeply regret that Peter Greenberg, one of the contributors to the present volume, passed away December 10, 1993, in Grenoble, France, victim of a traffic accident.

All papers included herein have been refereed; not all papers submitted were accepted. We take here the opportunity to thank all the referees for their kind support in making this volume a fitting homage to Professor Adem.

Thanks also are due to Alejandro Adem Díaz de León for composing a brief but moving obituary of his uncle. A description by him (in Spanish) of José Adem's mathematical work was included in the previous volume of the *Boletín* [36, 1-8].

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