Editorial

This issue of Note di Matematica is dedicated to William Alan Day, in recognition for his advancement of the field of Thermodynamics and Continuum Mechanics.

William Alan Day received his BA and MA by Cambridge University in 1963 and 1967, respectively. His dissertation was conducted in 1968 at the Carnegie-Mellon University under the supervision of Morton Gurtin. He was a temporary scientific officer at the Mathematics Division of the National Physical Laboratory from 1963 to 1966. After one year as post-doctoral fellowship at Carnegie-Mellon University in 1968 he entered as faculty lecturer in mathematics at Oxford University and fellow in applied mathematics at the Hertford College always in Oxford where he remained until today.

Over the years Alan Day has come to be identified very closely with a wide range of current developments in thermodynamics, thermoelasticity, viscoelasticity and general continuum mechanics. His prolific record of scholarly creativity is documented in the attached list of publications. He wrote four highly regarded and influential books. These works have been written in an unique style accessible to a wide audience and they remains an essential reference for researcher and students in thermomechanics of continua.

This volume collect the work of many of Alan's friend and admirers in celebration of his 65th birthday.

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