

Memorial

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Michael Maschler (1927–2008)

This special issue is dedicated to our dear friend, colleague, and collaborator, Michael Maschler, who passed away July 20, 2008.

Michael Maschler belongs to the small distinguished group of founders and leaders of game theory who are responsible, to a large extent, for the creation of a flourishing,

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highly respected, and widely applied interdisciplinary theory, as we know it today. During his long and active career Michael contributed not only his ideas on many important issues, but also his energies to the game theory community, in an unassuming but extremely active manner: as teacher, as advisor, as founding member of societies, institutions, and journals, and of course as editor, attached to this publication from its very beginning.

A first expression of our community's appreciation appeared in *Games and Economic Behavior*, in the form of several deeply felt personal remarks and memories by a number of his friends, shortly after his death in the summer of 2008. One and a half years after the sad event, the *IJGT* follows course, now, with this collection of articles expressly submitted to be published in his honor.

The papers refer to a fraction of Michael's interests, and their authors are only a small subset of his many friends, collaborators, students, and admirers. Because he was a man of wide-ranging interests, who left a strong impression on many people, we knew it was going to be like that. There is no way to produce the perfect issue in honor of such a personality. All we can say is that this one results from a massive response to the *IJGT*'s call, followed by intensive editorial work. We can only hope that the reader finds in this issue still another opportunity to reflect on the enormous change that Michael Maschler and his generation wrought in our ways of thinking, while enjoying some of the pieces that have finally made it into print.

We thank everyone who refereed, revised, and contributed papers, published or not, and made it possible for this homage to materialize. Undoubtedly all these colleagues honored the memory of Michael Maschler through their various roles in this project.

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