

MARCEL RIESZ IN MEMORIAM

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Marcel Riesz was born in Györ, Hungary, November 16, 1886 and died in Lund, Sweden, on September 4, 1969. He studied in Budapest, Göttingen and Paris. In 1911 Mittag-Leffler invited him to come to Sweden where he taught at Stockholms Högskola. In 1926 he was appointed professor of mathematics at the university of Lund. After retiring from this position in 1952 he went to the United States where he was visiting research professor at the universities of Maryland and Chicago and other places. He returned to Lund in 1962. He was a member of the Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Physiographical Society in Lund, Videnskabernes Selskab in Copenhagen, had honorary degrees from the universities of Copenhagen and Lund and was an honorary member of the Swedish mathematical society.

Marcel Riesz was the youngest member of a generation of brilliant Hungarian mathematicians that included among others Leopold Fejér, Riesz's elder brother Frederick Riesz and Alfred Haar. His first paper ([1], 1906) is an exposition in Hungarian of a subject of current interest at the time, namely various summation methods for Taylor series of analytic functions. One of these methods, due to Mittag-Leffler, sums the series in a star-shaped region bounded by singular points, the Mittag-Leffler star. Common interest in 0-702909. Acta mathematica. 124. Imprimé le 7 Avril 1970.