

4.13 Prof. Da Ruan in My Memory

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Suddenly heard the passing of well-known scientist Prof. Da Ruan, I was saddened deeply! His voice and expression is still fresh in our memory. I will miss him forever. In my memory, Prof. Da Ruan is a kind and friendly person. He is open-minded and sincere with many friends all over the world. He is respected and loved by friends. He worked hard and obtained fruitful academic achievement, however, he was always approachable, affable, and indefatigable.

In the end of 2008, it is my first time to meet Prof. Da Ruan. He was invited by Prof. Yang Xu and Prof. Tianrui Li to visit School of Information Science and Technology, Southwest Jiaotong University, China. He gave a report entitled “Computational Intelligence in Complex Decision Systems” to teachers and students.



Prof. Da Ruan reported at School of Information Science and Technology, Southwest Jiaotong University, Chengdu, China, in 2008

His report was wonderful. His vivid language led us to explore the huge space of computational intelligence and complex decision making systems. I was given a

deep impression that his passionate and humorous speech made the lecture hall, accommodating 200 persons at the same time, packed with people.

After that, I met him many times when he came to our university for academic exchanges or I attended International conferences he chaired, including ISKE2009 (Hasselt, Belgium), MDMKD2009 (Chengdu, China), FLINS2010 (Emei, China), ISKE2010 (Hangzhou, China). The last time I met him was in the end of last year. I remembered that there are only two days left for the New Year. He abandoned his holidays and was away from his family to visit our university to guide PhD students, attend a conference in Chengdu and report his latest research work in our lab.

Therefore, we kept close in touch by emails and then I had a chance to cooperate with him. My cooperation with him was a research paper on consensus clustering in intelligent decision support systems submitted to International Journal of Knowledge-Based Systems. Prof. Da Ruan gave me many valuable suggestions and revised this paper carefully more than ten times not only on the formulae and expression of the paper but also the punctuation marks. Each time I received the revised version of the paper from him, I was impressed by his rigorousness.

Goodbye, Prof. Da Ruan. You will remain in my memory forever.