

Obituary: Jens Hugger 1958–2016

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Jens Hugger, Ph.D., Associate Professor at Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, died on March 4, 2016 after struggling with pancreatic cancer.

Jens grew up in Aalborg, Denmark. He received his Master degree in Mathematics from Aalborg University in 1983, and a Ph.D. from University of Maryland in 1990 with Ivo Babuska as thesis advisor. His thesis had the title: Computational Aspects and Adaptive Solution Methods in the Finite Element Method for Non-Linear Parametrized Problems. In 1991 Jens was employed as Assistant Professor (and from 1995 as Associate Professor) at the University of Copenhagen, where he served as head of a number of study boards since 1996.

Jens taught and worked primarily in numerical analysis, specializing in error estimation and adaptive mesh generation for the finite element method. One of his key interests was the development of a framework for pointwise error estimation. Since 2000 he was also working in computational financial engineering and, in particular, option pricing.

Jens was a member of the board of the BIT foundation since 2010, and he did an important job for the journal.

Jens was a very warm person and family man. He liked soccer and football, and he loved traveling the world and meeting new cultures. He is survived by his wife, Ada Scupola, and three children.

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