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#### **Preface**

This Monografía de la Real Academia de Ciencias de Zaragoza collects the proceedings of the conference MCalv6(5) that took place in Zaragoza, September 7-9, 2009. (http://iuma.unizar.es/mcal65/).

The conference was organized to celebrate the 65th birthday of Manuel Calvo. The idea of having such a conference come from his Ph.D. students, who wanted to share Manuel's birthday with his many friends and colleagues.

Firstly, we would like to express our thanks to all speakers and contributors in the conference. We must say that when they were contacted to participate in this event, all of them immediately accepted. Manuel Calvo is, indeed, very popular among their colleagues.

The conference took place at the Instituto Universitario de Matemáticas y Aplicaciones (IUMA) of the University of Zaragoza and included many high quality talks on diverse topics, with speakers coming from Berlin, Leiden, Iowa, Gent, Florence, Valladolid, La Laguna, Alicante and Zaragoza. All of them, researchers of the first international level, are good friends of Manuel. More than 50 people attended the conference and many others that could not participate, transmitted us their congratulations to Manuel. A warm and friendly atmosphere characterized the meeting.

With this conference we wanted to acknowledge and to thank Manuel for all the excellent work he has being doing during the many years of his career. Manuel belongs to a group of people that had to start practically from scratch. Indeed, by the early seventies, there was no much research on Applied Mathematics in Spain, and in particular in Zaragoza. Manuel, was among the first ones in going abroad to study new theories, develop techniques and skills on Numerical Analysis, and then, coming back to create a new research group that soon acquired an international reputation, and all that with almost no means, neither financial support nor infrastructure.

The conference was organized not only because Manuel has done a good job in Applied Mathematics. With no doubt, the most important reason to organize the Conference in his honor is their human qualities. He is good teacher, generous, meticulous, careful, precise and, obviously, a good mathematician. Particularly, we would mention as a good quality his commitment to everything he does. Whatever he does, teaching, research or

administration, he has to do it well. A characteristic point of Manuel that we would like to emphasize is his curiosity. He is always willing to know new ideas, concepts, etc. He has passion for knowing and understanding new things. At any conference, after a talk when the chairman says "any question", we think "besides the ones from Manuel". But you can be sure that this is not due to vanity or because he likes to be the center of attention. It is just curiosity.

Manolo is a great master and also a good friend. We thank him for everything, and we are sure that all his colleagues, students and friends want to join us again in wishing him a long and fruitful scientific and personal life.

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