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Foreword

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Abstract

Foreword for the Proceedings of the International Congress in Honour of Professor Hari M. Srivastava. This article is being published in each of the four Special Issues of the SpringerOpen journals, *Advances in Difference Equations*, *Boundary Value Problems*, *Fixed Point Theory and Applications* and *Journal of Inequalities and Applications*, which are entitled 'Proceedings of the International Congress in Honour of Professor Hari M. Srivastava'.

Foreword

It gives me immense pleasure to write the Foreword to *this* Special Dedication Issue containing essentially the duly-refereed *Proceedings of the International Congress in my Honour* which was held on 23-26 August 2012 at the auditorium of the Görükle Campus of Uludağ University in Bursa (Turkey).

Our close professional association with Bursa dates back to August 2008 when my wife *and* colleague (Prof. Dr. Rekha Srivastava) and I had the opportunity and privilege to visit the beautiful Görükle Campus of Uludağ University in Bursa. We were invited cordially by Prof. Dr. Ismail Naci Cangül, and our visit to Uludağ University in Bursa was organized in continuation of *The Twentieth International Congress of the Jangjeon Mathematical Society* (of which I am a *Past President*) held on 21-23 August 2008 in Karinna Hotel at Mount Uludağ under the auspices of Uludağ University in Bursa. We found our participation in the aforementioned meticulously-organized International Congress in August 2008 as well as our subsequent visit to Uludağ University to be not only immensely enjoyable, but also professionally fruitful, so much so that we gladly agreed *eventually* to the thoughtful proposal of Prof. Dr. Cangül to hold the *International Dedication Congress* celebrating my seventieth birth anniversary, too, in Karinna Hotel at Mount Uludağ on 18-21 August 2010 under the auspices, of course, of Uludağ University in Bursa. The 509-page Proceedings of the August 2010 International Congress was published in a *Special Dedication Issue* of the Elsevier journal: *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, Volume 218, Number 3, pp. 651-1159 (2011).

Many other international conferences, professional meetings *and* special sessions held in several countries *as well as* special issues of many international scientific research journals were dedicated to my seventieth birth anniversary. One of these international dedication conferences (*The International Conference on Mathematical Science Dedicated to my Seventieth Birth Anniversary*) was held in Turkey itself on 23-27 November 2010 at Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi in Bolu.

Not too much earlier, a week-long *International Symposium on Analytic Function Theory, Fractional Calculus and Their Applications in Honour of my Sixty-Fifth Birth Anniver-*

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sary was held at the University of Victoria in Canada on 22-27 August 2005. It was indeed attended by, among others, a large group of mathematical scientists of Turkish origin not only from Turkey, but also from elsewhere. The 566-page Proceedings of the August 2005 International Symposium was published in a *Special Dedication Issue* of the Elsevier journal: *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, Volume 187, Number 1, pp. 1-566 (2007).

It is indeed very heartening to see that our friends and colleagues and research collaborators, *especially* Prof. Dr. İsmail Naci Cangül *and* Prof. Dr. Yilmaz Şimşek, organized yet another *International Dedication Congress* in my honour, for which I am exceedingly grateful to one and all of them.

The duly-refereed and duly-edited Proceedings of *this International Dedication Congress* as well as many other *invited* papers are being published in *Special Issues* of the following four SpringerOpen journals:

Advances in Difference Equations (Impact Factor 0.89)
Boundary Value Problems (Impact Factor 1.05)
Fixed Point Theory and Applications (Impact Factor 1.94)
Journal of Inequalities and Applications (Impact Factor 0.88)

Papers (which are based essentially upon the lectures delivered by the participants), together with many other *invited* papers, were edited by Prof. Dr. İsmail Naci Cangül (Uludağ University, Bursa, Turkey), Prof. Dr. Nak Eun Cho (Pukyong National University, Busan, Republic of Korea), Prof. Dr. Junesang Choi (Dongguk University, Gyeongju, Republic of Korea), Prof. Dr. Djurdje Cvijović (Vinca Institute of Nuclear Science, Beograd, Republic of Serbia), Prof. Dr. Dragan S. Djordjević (University of Niš, Niš, Republic of Serbia) and Prof. Dr. Sushil K. Sharma (Government Madhav Post-Graduate Science College [Vikram University], Ujjain, India) under my supervision and guidance as the Lead Guest Editor of each of the Special Dedication Issues of the above four SpringerOpen journals. My sincere thanks are due also to Prof. Dr. Yilmaz Şimşek (Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey) for his generous help and co-operation.

Finally, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of the members of the *Local Organization Committee* and the *International Advisory Board*, I am exceedingly delighted to thank you all for your invaluable participation in *this* Special Dedication Issue.