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## On the Occasion of Professor S.L. Kalla's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Professor **Shyam L. Kalla**, D.Sc., Member of Editorial Board of the **"FCAA" Journal**, currently at Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science – Kuwait University, had on 4 January, 2008 his 70<sup>th</sup> jubilee.

I met him for the first time in Poland in 1979, at the "Conference on Analytic Functions" in Kozubnik. I knew in advance some of his papers on integral transforms and generalized hypergeometric functions, and was glad to see his name in the list of expected participants. But there he hold a plenary talk on a subject that was quite new for me, "Operators of fractional integration" (including also operators of the "generalized fractional calculus") that later became of main research interest and topic for me!

Since then, our collaboration started by exchanging ideas and visits. Prof. Kalla visited Bulgaria many times to participate in our international conferences "Complex Analysis and Applications", "Applications of Mathematics in Engineering" and others. During these meetings we initiated the international workshops "Transform Methods and Special Functions" (Bankya'1994, Varna'1996, Blagoevgrad'1999, Borovets'2003), where he acted as co-chairman and where the idea arized about a specialized journal (FCAA) as a continuation and supplement to the "TMSF" Proceedings. Prof. Kalla is a member of the Editorial Board since the beginning of the "FCAA" journal, now promoted as its **Honorary Member**.

With Prof. Kalla we also co-authored several research papers on subjects of mutual interest, as generalized fractional calculus, its applications to fractional differential equations and dual integral equations, special functions, radiation physics integrals, etc.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the journal, I like to pass him our sincere wishes for long years' creative work and continuing enthusiasm in mathematical research and education. My special best regards to his family and in particular, to his wife Kamla, his daughter and grandson Ankit (who attended one of our meetings in Bulgaria)!

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