The Jaen Approximation Project aims to contribute to the development of research in approximation theory by encouraging the exchange of ideas through the interaction among researchers in the area, becoming Jaén a meeting-point in approximation theory. The Jaen Approximation Project seeks quality and wishes that its participants feel part of the project.

The Jaen Journal on Approximation is part of the Jaen Approximation Project. The Jaen Approximation Project would like to express its gratitude to so many outstanding researchers that contribute as editors, authors and referees in the Jaen Journal on Approximation. Also it would like to express its gratitude to all the different people, enterprises and institutions that have supported the project, specially the Diputación Provincial de Jaén (the provincial government) and the Obra Social de Unicaja. Thanks to them two thousand copies of the first two issues and more than one thousand and two hundred copies of the following issues were sent free of charge to researchers and institutions in the world. In this way, the Journal and the papers are well known.

In addition to the journal, an international meeting, known for short as Ubeda Meeting, was organized annually since 2000 till 2009. The participation in the Ubeda Meeting was by invitation and limited to 30/40 people, making it as fruitful as possible. During 4/5 days, participants could attend around 30 lectures, exchange ideas, taste different and nice foods, visit singular places as Castles, renaissance Palaces and World Heritage Sites, enjoy Flamenco shows, etc. Discussions during meals, walks and visits provided opportunities to learn from one another.

After ten editions of the Ubeda Meeting, a new activity was launched: The Jaen Conference in Approximation, Computer Aided Geometric Design, Numerical Methdos and Applications. Here participation is not only by invitation, more on the contrary all researchers in approximation theory in its broadest sense are welcome. Two editions of this Conference have already been organized, in 2010 and 2011.

If the project continues with the collaboration of researchers, subscribers, sponsors and institutions, then it will try to propel new activities.
II Jaen Conference on Approximation

In the period June 26-July 1, 2011, a new edition of The Jaen Conference in Approximation, Computer Aided Geometric Design, Numerical Methods and Applications was organized, in this case, dedicated to Professor Dany Leviatan on the occasion of his retirement.

From 2001, Professor Leviatan has helped to consolidate the Ubeda Meeting series, to launch the Jaen Journal on Approximation and to organize the Jaen Conference on Approximation Series. On the occasion of his retirement, the Jaen Approximation Project wishes to thank him for his invaluable support.

Moreover, the Senate of the University of Jaén accorded to confer the Doctor Honoris Causa degree to Professor Leviatan. The formal ceremony was held on June 27th.

More than 70 researchers from more than 20 countries participated in the Conference.

The Conference featured eight invited speakers who gave one hour plenary talks:

- Allan Pinkus (Technion, Israel)
- Francisco Marcellán (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)
The objective of this conference was to provide a useful and nice forum for researchers in the subjects to meet and discuss. In this sense, the conference program was designed to keep joined the group during five days with a program full of scientific and social activities, including visits to castles, renaissance palaces, cathedrals, world heritage cities, ..., and tasting a wide culinary variety. Accompanying people had the opportunity to enjoy the social side of conference.

The Organizing Committee would like to thank to all participants and accompanying people for attending the conference and creating a special atmosphere.
III Jaen Conference on Approximation Theory, Computer Aided Geometric Design, Numerical Methods and Applications

July 15-20, 2012 – Úbeda (Spain)
The Third Jaen Conference on Approximation Theory, Computer Aided Geometric Design, Numerical Methods and Applications will be held in the period July 15th (arrival day) - 20th (departure day), 2012 in the important city of Úbeda, inscribed in the World Heritage List.

The Conference will feature eight invited speakers who will give one-hour plenary lectures. All interested researchers are invited to contribute a talk or a poster. The possibility to organizing mini-symposia on subjects of current interest will be also provided. The talks could be scheduled in no more than three parallel sessions.

As usual, the conference program will be designed to keep joined the group during five days with a program full of scientific and social activities.

Subscribers, contributors and referees of the Jaen Journal on Approximation will obtain a conference fees reduction.

Further information about this series in [http://jja.ujaen.es](http://jja.ujaen.es)

Looking forward to seeing you in Úbeda!