



Message from the Editors

The end of an era

Paul George Malliavin died on 3 June, 2010. Obviously his absence will be felt most keenly by his family and friends, but his death also marks the end of an era for this journal. When Irving M. Segal conceived the idea of creating the *Journal of Functional Analysis*, he first enlisted the support of Ralph S. Phillips and the two of them approached Malliavin at the ICM held in 1962. JFA came into existence shortly thereafter. Now all three of its founders are dead.

Both Segal and Phillips died in 1998. Until his death, Segal was the central figure in the management of the journal. He oversaw the business arrangements and played a decisive role in the selection of editors. Fortunately for JFA, Malliavin was ready and able to pick up the loose ends which Segal had left behind and to assume the role which he had played. For the last twelve years, the most important decisions about the journal's future were made by Malliavin, sitting in the tiny office next to the dining room in his apartment. During those years, Malliavin guided JFA through some difficult times when, without his guidance, the journal's very existence might have been in jeopardy.

Because of his dedication and wisdom, JFA continues to play an important role in the international mathematics community and promises to be a strong presence in the future. Losing Malliavin is a blow to all of us, but we can take solace and pride in the fact that JFA will live on.

Yours,

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