

## Weekly Newsletter, November 13, 2009

1. Professor Tao Qian, Chair of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Macao, visited the department for the week and gave a colloquium talk “Adaptive modified Blaschke product decomposition and best rational approximation” on Thursday. Micchelli and Stessin hosted the visit.
2. So far only Lindsay and Jing have said that they would be at the December Commencement. This fell way below what the University is expecting. Please let Kehe know if you can attend the commencement.
3. Recent publications:
  - R. Yang, Projective spectrum in Banach algebras, *J. Topology and Analysis* 3 (2009), 289-306.
  - K. Zhu, Compact composition operators on BMOA and the Bloch space, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* 137 (2009), 3861-3868, with H. Wulan and D. Zheng.
  - K. Zhu, Compactness of Hankel operators on Hardy-Sobolev spaces of the polydisk, *J. Operator Theory* 61 (2009), 301-312, with P. Ahern and H. Youssfi.