

**Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences**  
**GC University, Lahore**

**Condolence reference of Prof. A.D. Raza Choudary**  
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The Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences (ASSMS), GC University, Lahore is going to organize a condolence reference on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 in the memory of our former Director General of ASSMS **Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary (Late)** who left for his heavenly abode on January 07, 2023. May the departed soul rest in peace and May Allah grant strength to all his near & dear ones to bear this great loss. It goes without saying that **Prof. Dr. A.D. Raza Choudary** rendered valuable services to the country, in particular played a crucial role in the development of Mathematical Sciences.

**Dated: 10-02-2023**

**Prof. Dan Timotin (Romania)**

It is with great sadness that I heard about the passing away of Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary. Raza, as we used to call him, was a very special being. As you know, together with some Romanian colleagues we have spent many months at the ASSMS in Lahore. Raza has managed to make us feel like having a second home here, and we have enjoyed each visit immensely. Not only he surrounded us with his warmth and sympathy, but was ready to make us discover many aspects of Pakistani life and culture. Those were mutually beneficial years, of which we have kept indelible memories. May his departed soul rest in peace, knowing that so many people think of him so often.

**Prof. Viviana Ene (Romania)**

I met Professor Raza Choudary in 2005 on the occasion of the Summer School on Hyperplane Arrangements and Constructible Sheaves that took place in Constanta and which he attended together with a group of students from ASSMS. Later, I was invited by Professor Raza to hold classes at ASSMS and coordinate doctoral students. I remember with great pleasure the time I spent in Pakistan. Professor Raza worked hard and managed to make our stay very pleasant. I especially appreciated his willingness to help young female students who wanted to pursue a career in mathematical research. My former students also spoke to me with respect and appreciation for their teacher. We will all keep a beautiful memory of him.

**Prof. Stefano Luzzatto (ICTP, Italy)**

I heard the very sad news about the passing of Prof Dr Alla Ditta Raza Choudary. I have met him several times and truly have great respect for him and what he has done for Mathematics in Pakistan through the the Abdus Salam School for Mathematical Sciences and his support for the International Mathematics Master.

I would be very glad to participate online to the memorial event for him on Friday or, if you prefer I can send a recorded message. Thank you for the invitation.

**Michel Waldschmidt (France)**

Your message tells me this extremely sad news, I was not aware that my good friend Alla Ditta Raza Choudary passed away on January 7. I feel very sad. Right now I am in Cameroon but I will be back home tomorrow and I will be able to participate to the condolence reference the day after, on Friday February 10. Please send me instructions so that I can connect online

**Oleg Reinov (Russia)**

I will write briefly:

I worked with Prof. Dr. A.D. Raza Choudary for many years.

He was an outstanding organizer, creator of ASSMS in Lahore. And a great man.

**Prof. Kartlos Kachiashvili (Georgia)**

Dear members of the Events Organizing Team,

Please accept my sincere condolences for this grievous loss to the family of Professor Raza and to all those who knew him, worked with him and studied under him. This is a great and regrettable loss to all of us and, without exaggeration, to the entire Pakistani people. I share your sorrow, and I am sure that his work on earth will light the way to heaven for him in that country.

With great regret, Professor, A Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia (Academician)

**Johann Davidov (Bulgaria)**

Raza was able to bring together mathematicians from different countries working in different fields. This gave students a good opportunity to choose between different areas to study and do research. Raza made efforts to provide the professors with very good working conditions and the students with the possibility of daily contact with them. The working atmosphere in the School was friendly and tolerant, which is no doubt a credit of its Director General, Dr. Choudary. Rest in peace, dear friend Raza.

**Prof. Hong Van Le (Praha, Czechia)**

Dear Staff of the Abdus Salam School for Mathematical Sciences, GC University, Lahore.

It's hard to find the words for how saddened I was to learn about the loss of our colleague, our former Director General of Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary. I was invited by him to work at the ASSMS during 2007-2012 and also to participate in the 6th World Conference "Mathematics in the 21st Century", which was held in March 2013 at the ASSMS. At the ASSMS I supervised PhD Thesis of Mobeen Munir, currently Professor of the University of the Punjab. Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary explained me Pakistani culture and took us, foreigner professors at ASSMS, to church on Sundays.

I remember his smiling face, he cared about us like our brothers. I felt at home in Lahore and loved to work with my students at the ASSMS. Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary will always be in our hearts and memories.

**Prof. Sever-Angel Popescu (Romania)**

Prof. Dr. Alla Ditta Raza Choudary was a great organizer in the field of education at all levels. I remember the summer of 2004, when Dr. Raza (as we, the foreign professors, called

him) called me to ask me to teach a Modern Algebra course at SMS-Lahore. It was impossible to refuse him. He knew how to work with any kind of person. I was easier to convince because I loved ancient Indian and Sufi philosophy.

It was hard for us from Europe to get used to the climate in Pakistan. Dr. Raza did everything possible for us to get used to and provided us with all the comfort to love the city of Lahore.

I always had the door open to his office. In the frequent trips to the monuments in Lahore and to the various conferences held in other universities, I had long discussions with Dr. Raza on spiritual and religious topics. From him I learned many interesting facts about Islam, about his journey to Mecca, etc. Dr. Raza was well informed and had great life experience, not only university life. He loved his family and told me about the enormous hardships he went through, as a child, during the liberation of Pakistan. He was at our house, in Bucharest, he met my wife, Angela, and he impressed everyone with his modesty and generosity. Because he completed his university studies in Bucharest, he spoke the Romanian language well, he liked Romania and had friendly relations with many of my compatriots. I know that many times he asked the opinion of my former Mentor, Dr. Nicolae Popescu, in connection with the activity at SMS, or in general life problems. Yes, Dr. Raza was a special man, who contributed to the advancement of mathematical education in Pakistan. May Allah gives him Peace forever!

**Prof. Alexandru Dimca (France)**

I have met A. D. Raza Choudary when we were both very young, in the late 1970's. At that time we were both graduate students at Bucharest University.

Later on, our professional lives took us to various countries, but we managed to keep in contact over the passing years. I am convinced that Dr. Choudary, as a Director of Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences, has had a profound, positive and lasting influence on the development of Mathematics in Pakistan.

Thanks to him, I have met many wonderful people, some of them students at Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences in the past and now distinguished mathematicians at various Universities in Pakistan or abroad. May the Lord rest his soul in peace!