

# Editorial

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In this collection the reader will find a comprehensive compendium of background material on which further research investigations can be based. It contains a stimulating account of new results and a challenging range of open questions. It is particularly gratifying to note that a number of the advances concern problems posed at the previous conference held in Otranto in 2007.

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