

PREFACE

Novi Sad Algebraic Conference (NSAC '05) was held at the Faculty of Science, University of Novi Sad (Serbia) on July 11–15, 2005. Nearly 100 participants from 15 countries gathered at the meeting. The scientific programme consisted of eight plenary lectures. The principal speakers were:

- Ralph McKenzie (Vanderbilt University U.S.A.)
- Jaroslav Ježek (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
- Zoltán Ésik (University of Szeged, Hungary)
- Keith Kearnes (University of Colorado at Boulder, U.S.A.)
- Reinhard Pöschel (Technische Universität Dresden, Germany)
- Ágnes Szendrei (University of Szeged and Colorado at Boulder)
- Friedrich Wehrung (Université de Caen, France)

There were over 50 short talks in two sections, and a Problem Session, which was held on the hills of Fruška Gora in the hotel Norcev.

The present issue of Publications de l' Institut Mathématique contains the proceedings of the Conference. Most of the papers of this volume are written versions of talks delivered at NSAC '05. The presented papers cover several areas of Mathematic: General Algebra, Universal Algebra, Linear Algebra, Constructive Algebra, Combinatorics and Model Theory.

We express out thanks to the speakers both for their talks and their contributions to the Proceedings.

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We thank the participants, many of whom came from great distances, for their attendance and for the questions, observations, and conjectures which were so important to the success of the Conference.

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The Proceedings is devoted to the memory of our colleague and friend Kazimierz Glazek, who passed away soon after our Conference.

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