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The Conference on Topology that generated this volume was held on the campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kanpur, India, from 3 October through 12 October, 1968. It was sponsored by IIT with the cooperation of the Indian Mathematical Society, and with financial assistance from the Kanpur Indo-American Program.

There were fifty-five participants in the conference representing six countries. Forty-eight papers were presented, including three in absentia. These were for the most part research announcements, although some were full papers with proofs and some were surveys of recent work in a particular field.

Professor J. N. Kapar, then head of the Mathematical Department at IIT, presided over the opening session. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. P. K. Kalkar, IIT's director. Professor M. Venkataraman welcomed the participants on behalf of the Indian Mathematical Society.

Working sessions were held each morning and afternoon. Each was chaired by a senior delegate and consisted of several half-hour and hour talks. An attempt (only partially successful) was made to make the text of each talk available to the audience prior to its presentation.

On the lighter side, there were several cultural evenings and a sightseeing trip to Lucknow, as well as many hours of useful informal (or sometimes semi-formal) discussions.

It gives me real pleasure to express the sincere appreciation of the organizing committee to IIT and KIAP whose support made this conference possible, to the many members of IIT's Mathematics Department who worked so diligently and effectively on the arrangements, texts, transportation and the countless other details of the conference, to the staffs of KIAP, the Guest House and the Print Shop for handling the requirements of the conference in addition to their already heavy burdens, and to Rena, Lynn and Mimi for the care and attention they gave to the participants from outside India and to their families. Finally, I must thank the participants themselves, many of whom made arduous journeys, for coming to Kanpur and contributing to this conference.

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