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Foreword

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This volume contains papers presenting some results lectured at the 29th Winter School on Abstract Analysis 2001.

Traditionally, the conference consisted from two parts. The part devoted to analysis was held from February 3 to February 10 in Lhota nad Rohanovem and the part devoted to topology was held from January 27 to February 3 in Zahrádky u České Lípy.

In both parts, several invited lectures, or series of lectures, were organized. In the analysis part, invited lectures were delivered by e.g. prof. M. Laczkovich (Two applications of K -spaces), prof. S. Konyagin (Operators of almost best approximation), or prof. N. Ribarska (Fragmentability in Banach spaces) to mention at least some of them. In the topology week, we had an opportunity to hear two series of interesting lectures: An introduction to PCF theory by prof. U. Abraham and Universal models and cardinal spectra by prof. M. Džamonja.

As usual, we organized a traditional problem session, where a number of problems were presented. We thank all the participants for their contribution that made 29th Winter School a very successful and pleasant event. Many interesting and deep results were presented in the main lectures as well as in many short communications.

To speed the publication of the proceedings, the full responsibility for the linguistic form of the papers was left to the authors.

We appreciate very much the work done by our colleagues Miroslav Zelený, Ondřej Kalenda as well as all other our colleagues and also many foreign participants for helping the organizing committee. We are obliged to the managing editor Petr Simon for preparing this volume of the journal devoted to the Winter School.

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