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## Preface

The BIOMAT 2014 International Symposium has been held in the Conference Centre of the Stefan Banach International Mathematical Centre/ Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, at Bedlewo near Poznan, Poland, on November 03 -07, 2014. Senior representatives of the Polish Scientific Community have been in charge of the Local Organizing Committee. We thank the collaboration of Prof. Jerzy Tiuryn, Prof. Ryszard Rudnicki, Prof. Jacek Miekisz. Prof. Richard Kerner from France and his skills of being conversant with several languages from Eastern Europe has also given a fundamental cooperation in the task of administrative arrangements with our colleagues from Poland. He and Prof. Rafael Barrio from Mexico have also provided to all attendees some beautiful and unforgettable soirees of piano concerti in the Bedlewo Palace.

The participants came from twenty countries. From Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom), from Americas (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, United States), from Africa (Algerie, South Africa), from Asia (India, Israel). In an informal atmosphere of continuous sessions, during five days, Plenary Speakers, authors of contributed papers and research students had the opportunity of discussing many research themes and to make commitments for future collaboration. The BIOMAT Consortium fine tradition of enhancing the scientific interdisciplinary activities of Biological and Mathematical Sciences of practitioners from developing countries has certainly succeed once more.

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