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## **FOREWORD**

The 20th Winter School "Geometry and Physics" took place at the usual place, the village Srní in the Czech Republic, in the period January 15 - January 22, 2000. The Winter School was organized by the Union of Czech Mathematicians and Physicists, together with the Charles University and the Masaryk University, with financial support by the International Erwin Schrödinger Institute for Mathematical Physics.

During the school, 7 invited lecture series were presented: Special Symplectic and Kähler Geometry by DMITRI ALEKSEEVSKI, Algebraic K-Theory by CHRISTIAN AUSONI, Invariant Linear and Bilinear Differential Operators by DAVID M. J. CALDERBANK, Combinatorial Topology versus General Topology and The Lusternik-Schnirelmann Category of Lie Groups by IOAN M. JAMES, Deformation Quantization and Formality Conjecture by MARTIN MARKL, Topics in Symplectic Geometry by TUDOR RATIU, Connections with Special Symplectic Holonomy by LORENZ SCHWACHHÖFER. In the rest of the program, many further lectures, communications, and posters were presented in two sections.

The Proceedings of this school, published traditionally in Supplemento ai Rendiconti del Circolo Matematico di Palermo, contain 17 contributions by the participants.

The list of all partecipants is included below.

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