

PREFACE

This volume contains the proceedings of ICNAM-2006.

There are many merits of **Professor Boško Jovanović** from the Faculty of Mathematics in Belgrade toward our Department, especially our group for Numerical Analysis. Since many years ago, for a long time, prof. Jovanović has been helping us, has been collaborating with us. One year ago he decided to join us on the research project “Approximation of linear operators” which we obtained from the Serbian Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection, the first time in the history of our small Department. Prof. Boško Jovanović is one of the leading Serbian mathematicians. In addition, he is a very fine and polite human being. Because of all we decided to thank him and dedicate the “International Conference on Numerical and Applied Mathematics – ICNAM-2006, September, 27-30, 2006, Kragujevac, Serbia” to him on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

The conference was organized by the Faculty of Science, University of Kragujevac, and the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Belgrade.

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For almost one year we have been preparing this conference, and I would like to thank my Colleagues from the Organizing Committee, Dejan Bojović, Marija Stanić, Branislav Popović, Suzana Simić and Adam Stanojević, for helping in the preparation of ICNAM-2006. Our intention is to organize ICNAM every two years in the future.

We hope the conference was a success and the participants enjoyed it.

Papers regarding most of the talks given at the conference are contained in this book. On behalf of the organizers, I would like to thank all participants for their contribution to the meeting.

I finish by quoting some of the reactions of the ICNAM-06 participants.

- I was very pleased I could have a share in the conference in Kragujevac.
- Thank you for enabling me to take part in the remarkably organized conference.
- The conference was very nicely organized, and more importantly, the atmosphere was very friendly and pleasant, which is rare at conferences.
 - We all felt like a big family gathered together over a jubilee of one of its most renowned members.
 - Above all, we all felt a friendly atmosphere resulting from the noble intention of this gathering, and that is expressing gratitude to our Master.
 - The conference was perfectly organized; everything seemed unobtrusive and discreet, yet highly professional, thus placing emphasis - in the nicest of all manners - on the same personal characteristics of the Master.
 - The event was exceptional, and it will be talked about in many years to come.
 - I think the conference went extremely well.
 - We had a good time at the conference and it is evident on the photographs: all we did was laugh.

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