

GUEST EDITORS' PREFACE

This is the second of the two special issues of the Journal of Geometry and Symmetry in Physics devoted to the Proceedings of the XXIV Workshop on Geometric Methods in Physics, held in Białowieża, Poland from June 26 – July 2, 2005. In our introduction to the first special issue, we described the workshop series as well as some special features of the XXIV Workshop.

The previous volume contained 10 contributions, centered around ideas that are mainly geometric or Lie theoretic. In the present volume, we are pleased to present 11 additional articles, on topics that range from noncommutative geometries and structures to nonlinear quantum mechanics, from matrix models to spin networks. For reasons of space, two further papers from the XXIV Workshop (the articles by L. Balková and by R. Szabo) are to appear in the succeeding volume of the Journal of Geometry and Symmetry in Physics, for a total of 23 contributions.

We trust that the papers in these two volumes and the next one convey some of the intellectual excitement and lively exchange of ideas that took place at the Workshop, in the timeless atmosphere of primeval Białowieża forest.

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