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Preface

The international conference Numerical Methods and Applications has been a traditional forum for scientists of well-known research groups from various countries providing an opportunity for sharing ideas and establishing fruitful scientific cooperation.

The papers in this volume were presented at its sixth issue: International Conference on Numerical Methods and Applications (ICNM&A 2006) held in Borovets, Bulgaria, August 20–24, 2006. The conference was organized by the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics at “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Sofia, in cooperation with GAMM and IMACS. The Institute of Mathematics and Informatics and the Institute for Parallel Processing, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, were co-organizers of this traditional scientific meeting.

In total, 119 participants from 27 countries all over the world attended the conference and 111 talks, including nine invited talks, were delivered. This volume contains 87 papers submitted by authors from 24 countries.

During ICNM&A 2006 a wide range of problems concerning recent theoretical achievements in numerical methods and their applications in mathematical modeling were discussed. Specific topics of interest were the following: *finite difference and finite volume methods; finite element and boundary element methods; multigrid and domain decomposition; level set and phase field methods; Monte Carlo methods; numerical linear algebra; parallel algorithms; computational mechanics; engineering applications*. The keynote lectures reviewed some of the advanced achievements in these fields. The ICNM&A 2006 talks were delivered by researchers representing some of the strongest research teams in the field of numerical methods and their application for solving wide range of practical problems.

The success of the conference and the present volume are due to the joint efforts of many colleagues from various institutions and organizations. We express our deep gratitude to all the members of the Scientific Committee for their valuable contribution to the scientific spirit of the conference, as well as for their help in reviewing the submitted papers. The special sessions represented the combined efforts of organizers whose contributions deserve to be recognized: Enrique Alba, Rene Alt, Radim Blaheta, Stefka Fidanova, Krasimir Georgiev, Todor Gurov, Aneta Karaivanova, Johannes Kraus, Svetozar Margenov, Svetoslav Markov, Gradimir Milovanović, Bojan Popov, Per Grove Thomsen, and Zahari Zlatev. We are also grateful to the staff involved in the local organization.

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We hope that this meeting among scientists who develop and study numerical methods, on one hand, and researchers who use them for solving real-life problems, on the other, has broadened their horizons and has contributed to their mutual enrichment.

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