Editorial

This volume contains 23 research articles from the Ring Theory Conference held in Miskolc, Hungary, July 15–20, 1996, a spinoff of the European Congress of Mathematics held in Budapest. One of the most significant events of recent years in ring theory, due in no small part to a tremendous effort put out by our Hungarian hosts, this conference also was noteworthy for its breadth of participation. There were 198 participants from 36 countries representing every inhabited continent; although no single country had more than 21 participants, about half of the participants were from Russia, Hungary, Spain, U.S., and Germany.

The scientific program consisted of a rich fare of 19 invited plenary talks, most of them surveys, in the morning sessions, and 124 shorter contributions in four parallel sessions in the afternoons. Whereas the survey talks have appeared as Trends in Ring Theory (ed. V. Dlab and L. Márki, Proc. Conf. Miskolc, Canadian Math. Soc. Conference Proceedings, Vol. 23. American Math. Soc., Providence (R.I.), 1997), it was felt that the Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra is a more suitable forum for this selected collection of research articles, which spans a broad range of topics in ring theory and module theory. A full list of the conference talks can be found in the Canadian Mathematical Society volume.

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