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Laurentiu Maxim Editor The International Conference on Singularity Theory and Applications was held at the University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei, China), during July 25-31, 2011. The conference was focused around recent developments in Singularity Theory, including topics such as: fundamental groups of algebraic varieties, topological and Hodge-theoretic aspects of singularities, characteristic classes of singular varieties, etc. The meeting was attended by about fifty participants from all over the world.

The papers in this volume cover the various subjects discussed during the conference. All manuscripts have been carefully peer-reviewed. I would like to express my gratitude to the authors for their contributions, as well as to the referees for the high quality job. I also thank all the participants – especially the speakers – who made the meeting both successful and fruitful. I am very grateful for the financial support received from the National Science Foundation, as well as from the Department of Mathematics of the University of Science and Technology of China. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Xiuxiong Chen and his staff for a flawless organization of this conference.

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List of Talks

Alexander Aleksandrov: Residue theory and logarithmic de Rham complex

Paolo Aluffi: Chern classes of hyperplane arrangements

Donu Arapura: Hodge theory and the fundamental group

Markus Banagl: Singularities and intersection spaces: theory and application

Jean-Paul Brasselet: Some insights on the Euler local obstruction

Sylvain Cappell: Symmetries and rigidity of aspherical manifolds

Zhi Chen: *KZ* connections and Brauer type algebras

- **Manuel Gonzalez Villa**: Motivic zeta functions for quasi-ordinary hypersurface singularities
- **Jose Ignacio Cogolludo**: Mordell-Weil groups of elliptic threefolds over \mathbb{P}^2 , Alexander polynomials, and quasi-toric relations of curves

Guangfeng Jiang: The global invariant of hyperplane arrangements

Ludmil Katzarkov: Degenerations, singularities and wall crossings

Toshitake Kohno: Monodromy groups of conformal field theory

Zhi Lu: A differential operator and tom Dieck-Kosniowski-Stong localization theorem

Teresa Monteiro Fernandes: Propagation for solutions with moderate growth of D-Modules

Mutsuo Oka: Mixed polynomials and mixed varieties

Piotr Pragacz: On positivity of Thom polynomials

Richard Rimanyi: Thom series via equivariant localization and iterated residues

Christian Schnell: Hodge modules on abelian varieties

Jörg Schürmann: Characteristic classes of Hilbert schemes of points via symmetric products

Kiyoshi Takeuchi: Motivic Milnor fibers and Newton polyhedra

Andrzej Weber: Local equivariant Chern classes of Singular varieties
Jaroslaw Włodarczyk: Weights on the cohomology and invariants of singularities
Jie Wu: Obtaining higher homotopy groups from the fundamental groups
Min Yan: Homotopy classification of multiaxial actions
Shoji Yokura: Fiberwise bordism groups
Masahiko Yoshinaga: Minimal stratifications for line arrangements
Sergey Yuzvinsky: Topological complexity of arrangement complements