

PREFACE

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The conference was devoted to recent advances in *Nonsmooth Analysis and Optimizations, ODE, PDE, Control Theory, Stochastic Analysis* and was well attended by mathematicians all over the world. There were 40 minutes plenary invited lectures, 20 minutes talks and a poster session.

This volume includes 29 selected articles, many of them written by leading specialists in their fields and covering the main topics of the conference.

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