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Preface

From April 10th till April 13th 2007, the International Congress on Pure and Applied Differential Geometry PADGE 2007 was held in Brussels, Belgium. This congress was a joint initiative of the K.U.Brussel (Katholieke Universiteit Brussel), the K.U.Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) and the EHSAL (European University College Brussels). The congress covered topics in Riemannian geometry, Lorentzian geometry and applications to relativity, submanifolds of Riemannian and Lorentzian spaces and visualization. This book contains the proceedings of PADGE 2007.

On behalf of the organizers, firstly, we would like to thank all participants. They responded enthusiastically and in large numbers, considering the highly specialized topics covered by the congress. Thanks to their very interesting contributions through presentations, posters and discussions, the congress can be considered a great success.

Organizing an international congress is not possible without financial support. So we truly thank the Research Foundation Flanders FWO and the EHSAL for their financial support. Also many thanks to the EHSAL for letting us use their multimedia rooms and the accommodating technical support.

We also would like to express our thanks to the other members of the organizing and scientific committee Stefan Haesen, Udo Simon, Barbara Opozda, Leopold Verstraelen, Luc Vrancken and Johan Walrave for their work behind the scenes. Their suggestions for keynote speakers, screening of abstracts and their constructive input have been crucial for meeting the high international scientific standards.

Together with several local people, we put in great efforts to create the optimal conditions for the emergence of new ideas and the exchange of knowledge between researchers. From the numerous positive reactions we received afterwards, we conclude that we indeed achieved this goal. So with these proceedings, the organization of PADGE 2007 comes to an end. We are convinced that this book, which reflects current scientific research, is not only a memory to the congress, but especially a source of knowledge that contributes to the exploration of the field of differential geometry.

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