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The 23rd Winter School 'Geometry and Physics' took place at the usual place, the village Srní in the Czech Republic, in the period January 18 – January 25, 2003. The Winter School was organized by the Union of Czech Mathematicians and Physicists, together with the Charles University and the Masaryk University, with financial support by the International Erwin Schrödinger Institute for Mathematical Physics.

During the School, 6 invited lecture series were presented: *On parallel spinors and holonomy theory* by **Ilka Agricola**, *Poisson geometry and Lie theory* by **Anton Alekseev**, *Submanifolds geometry in generalized flag manifolds* by **David M. J. Calderbank**, *Lectures on groups of symplectomorphisms* by **Dusa McDuff**, *Sigma models and geometry* by **Martin Rocek** and *Deformation quantization, line bundles and gerbes* by **Pavol Ševera**. In the rest of the program, many further lectures, communications, and posters were presented in two sections.

The Proceedings of this School, published traditionally in *Supplemento ai Rendiconti del Circolo Matematico di Palermo*, contain 17 contributions by the participants.

The list of all participants is included below.

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