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## INTRODUCTION

This issue consists of refereed proceedings of the 2nd Mile High Conference on Nonassociative Mathematics, which took place at the Department of Mathematics, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., June 21–27, 2009. The conference was attended by 58 researchers from 17 countries, representing many of the varied fields of nonassociative mathematics.

The wide scope of the conference is well documented by the delivered main talks: Murray Bremner, Enveloping algebras of Malcev algebras; Diane Donovan, Latin squares, latin trades and related problems; Richard M. Green, Chevalley bases for Lie algebras and the combinatorics of Kac's asymmetry function; Ling Long, Finite index subgroups of the modular group and right loops; Shahn Majid, Quasiassociative geometry and 7-spheres; Gábor P. Nagy, Groups which are not (right) multiplication groups of loops; J.D. Phillips, Loops with abelian inner mapping groups; and Ivan Shestakov, Structure and representations of Jordan and alternative superalgebras. The contributed talks, some of which are published here, further document the extent of nonassociativity in contemporary mathematics and physics.

The Program and Organizing Committee of the conference consisted of Piroska Csörgő, Kenneth W. Johnson, Michael K. Kinyon (co-chair), G. Eric Moorhouse, Jonathan D.H. Smith, and Petr Vojtěchovský (co-chair). The Local Organizing Committee consisted of graduate students Daniel Daly, Jenya Kirshtein and Kyle Pula.

Further information about the conference—in particular the complete list of participants and the list of open problems presented at the conference—can be found at http://www.math.du.edu/milehigh.

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