Algebraic Combinatorialists meet Combinatorial Algebraists

Report

In January, Dalhousie hosted the fifth annual "Algebraic combinatorics meets combinatorial algebra" conference. Participants came from Canada, the US, and Europe (this year: Sweden, Italy, and Slovenia). The conference was organized by Sara Faridi (Dalhousie), John Irving (Saint Mary's) and Hugh Thomas (UNB), and sponsored by those three universities together with AARMS.

The conference series originated in 2004 with the observation by some algebraic combinatorialists and some commutative algebraists that they were studying the same objects ("inverse systems") from different points of view, and that it might be fruitful to talk to each other. While the focus of the conference has broadened over time, its relaxed and informal character has remained the same.

This year, the invited speakers were Y. Bahturin (Memorial), F. Bergeron (UQAM), N. Bergeron and M. Zabrocki (York), and T. Geramita and G. Smith (Queen's). Unfortunately, Francois Bergeron couldn't attend for health reasons, but he had prepared a talk, which his brother Nantel gave as an "audience participation" event.

At the conference, it was announced that next year's conference will take place at Memorial, under the auspices of the Atlantic Algebra Centre.


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BUDGET:
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EXPENSES:

Student/postdoc/other travel support	$3000
Hotel subsidy (30 participants x $100)	$3000
Travel support for 6 invited speakers (6 x $350)	$2100
Other (Coffee breaks, banquet, etc.)	$1500

Total Expenses	$9600

INCOME:

Dalhousie support	$3100
UNB support	$1000
SMU support	$1000
AARMS support	$4500