

## PREFACE

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Local organization of the symposium was the responsibility of Qin Dahe (Chairman), Ma Fucheng, Gan Shijun, Chen Liqi, Zhang Kan and Chen Guodong.

There were 78 participants from 20 countries at the symposium. 93 papers were presented, 73 as oral presentations and 20 as poster presentations. Fifty of these papers are published in this volume. All papers were refereed and edited in accordance with IGS's usual practices by an editorial committee consisting of T. H. Jacka (Chief Editor), D. Dahl-Jensen, Lijun, P. A. Mayewski, Qin Dahe, Renjiawen and P. Steffensen.

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