

PRESENTATION

In June 2007, some of those attending the VI Italian-Spanish Conference on General Topology and its Applications (ITES2007) in Bressanone (Italia) undertook to propose the organization of the seventh edition of the conference in Badajoz to the Department of Mathematics of the University of Extremadura. The meeting, which alternately takes place in Italy and Spain, aims to promote the cooperation between Italian and Spanish topologists, though participation of researchers from other countries is always warmly encouraged. Traditionally, special emphasis is placed on the relationships between general or set-theoretic topology, and other areas of mathematics or sciences. Thus, topics like, for example, topological methods in functional analysis or in dynamical systems, hyperspaces, applied topology for computer sciences or economics, algebraic methods in spaces of continuous functions, etc, are usually considered.

The first edition of ITES was held in Gandía (Spain) in 1997 and, after the appropriate authorizations, agreements and funding had been received, we held the latest one (ITES2010) in Badajoz (Spain) from 7 to 10 September, 2010. As in previous editions, the participation was around 50 researchers and 34 talks were presented (of which 4 were plenary, and 8 were by invitation).

Due to the contribution of all those directly or indirectly involved in getting the best possible development of all conference activities (and among them I must mention Batildo Requejo and Gino Tironi), I believe that the expectations are met, both in participation and in scientific interest. I wish that the Conference has been interesting to all attendees and that we have all contributed together to keep the regularity of such meetings.

As announced, the Proceedings of ITES2010 were to be published in *Extracta Mathematicae*. The Coordinating Editors of the journal most kindly agreed to devote a special issue (this one) to this purpose by appointing three special Guest Editors: M. Isabel Garrido (*Universidad Complutense de Madrid*), Francisco Montalvo (*Universidad de Extremadura*) and Gino Tironi (*Università di Trieste*). They have been responsible for coordination, in accordance with the usual selection criteria of the journal.

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee