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## PREFACE

The Czechoslovak Conference on Differential Equations and Their Applications – EQUADIFF III – continued the tradition of conferences held in Prague (1962) and in Bratislava (1966). It was organized by J. E. Purkyně University and Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and took place in Brno from 28th August to lst September 1972. The Conference was prepared by the Organizing Committee presided by Professor RNDr. Michal Greguš, DrSc., deputy minister of Education of the Slovak Socialist Republic. The executive secretary was Professor RNDr. Miloš Ráb, DrSc., the head of Department of Mathematical Analysis, Faculty of Science of J. E. Purkyně University.

At the inauguration, on 28th August, Professor RNDr. Michal Greguš, DrSc., the Chairman of the Conference, Professor RNDr. Jaroslav Kudrna, DrSc., the director of research work of J. E. Purkyně University and Professor RNDr. Jaroslav Kurzweil, DrSc., the corresponding member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences addressed the participants.

The Conference was attended by 153 Czechoslovak participants and 109 participants from abroad. The participants were accompanied by 26 persons who came to Brno as visitors.

The scientific part of the Conference comprised 8 plenary lectures; 31 lectures held simultaneously in three sections: A. Ordinary differential equations, B. Partial differential equations, C. Numerical methods and applications; 119 communications held in six subsections (each section was divided into two parts).

Besides the scientific program the participants and the accompanying persons could enjoy a rich social program. The first day after the conclusion of the afternoon lectures, an Opening Ceremony with Cocktails was arranged at the castle of Brno. The next day a concert of old Czech music was given at the castle of Slavkov (Austerlitz). Moreover four afternoon bus-trips were organized to show the participants the surroundings of Brno. At the end of the Conference a Farewell Party with folk music and dancing took place in the famous Queen Eliška winecellar.

The Organizing Committee gratefully acknowledges much help from a team of workers of Mathematical Institutes of Brno who participated in the preparation of the Conference and Proceedings.

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