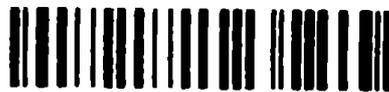


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FOREWORD

The 14th Semester at the Stefan Banach International Mathematical Center (September 17–December 15, 1979) was devoted to the following groups of topics: I. Global problems of Riemannian geometry; II. Differential geometry structures and their applications in theoretical physics. Group I included, among other problems, the following ones: (1) geometry of convex surfaces, (2) isometrical imbeddings of Riemannian manifolds, (3) infinitesimal deformations of surfaces, (4) geometry of surfaces with non-positive curvature, (5) some topics of discrete geometry. Group II included, among other problems, the following ones: (1) some general geometrical problems of relativity theory, (2) applications of Finsler geometry in relativity theory, (3) methods of the theory of special Finsler spaces, (4) complex extensions of the real world, (5) global constructions of the cosmological models, (6) singular resolutions of Einstein equation, (7) problems of imbedding of pseudo-Riemannian spaces into pseudo-Euclidean ones, (8) differential geometry structures on differentiable manifolds, (9) differential geometry of homogeneous spaces and manifolds imbedded in them, (10) some generalizations of the symmetric manifolds, (11) global aspects of differential geometry.

The materials for most of the lectures delivered during the Semester have already been published elsewhere. Thus the present volume does not contain the full proceedings of the 14th Semester at the Banach Center. It contains two types of papers: (a) expository or review articles, usually containing also original contributions of the authors, (b) papers presenting original results, not published elsewhere.

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