

Preface

There have been three international conferences in combinatorics at IPM in the recent years. Taking advantage of the great opportunity of having a good number of internationally renown speakers, we asked Professors Andries Brouwer and Willem Haemers, Elena Konstantinova, and Rick Wilson to deliver a series of lectures on their topics of interest, a few days before or after the conference. These notes are an outcome of those nice lectures.

No one could have believed that we would receive Rick Wilson's contribution on time. To our delight, it only took over 12 reminders (and of course each time we were hopeful to get it after just a few hours) to have it. Our apologies for delaying to publish this volume, but we are now quite confident that many would enjoy reading it and benefiting from it.

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