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PREFACE

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The papers included in this issue are dealing with selected among a wide variety of topics that reflect some of the current research interests of a number of colleagues at the Institute on current issues and actualities in the world.

I am grateful to the authors for the time and effort, which they devoted to the preparation of their papers and for their significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields.

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