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To Ingram Olkin

Preface

The 25th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics (IWMS-2016) was held in the city of Funchal on the beautiful Madeira Island, the Pearl of the Atlantic, on 6–9 June 2016.

The purpose of this workshop was to bring together researchers sharing an interest in a variety of aspects of statistics and its applications as well as matrix analysis and its applications to statistics and to offer them a possibility to discuss current developments in these subjects. The workshop contributed to bridge the gap among statisticians, computer scientists, and mathematicians in understanding each other's tools.

The Local Organizing Committee was chaired by Francisco Carvalho (Tomar, Portugal) and the International Organizing Committee by Simo Puntanen (Tampere, Finland), while George P. H. Styan (Montréal, Québec, Canada) was the Honorary Chair.

IWMS-2016 was organized by the Instituto Politécnico de Tomar and Universidade da Madeira and was supported by the CMA (Centro de Matemática e Aplicações) (FCT, UNL), CIMA (Centro de Investigação em Matemática e Aplicações) (UE), PSE (Produtos e Serviços de Estatística), INE (Instituto Nacional de Estatística), FLAD (Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento), Delta Cafés, and Associação de Promoção da Madeira.

The workshop comprised invited talks, contributed talks, and special sessions; for the details, see the conference report on IWMS-2016 in IMAGE, The Bulletin of the International Linear Algebra Society, Issue Number 57, pp. 18–19. The final program and the *Book of Abstracts*, edited by Daniel Klein and Francisco Carvalho, are online on the IWMS-2016 website.

For previous IWMS workshops, see the IWMS-website, from where, for example, "a short history of the International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics" can be downloaded: online pdf. The 26th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics was held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in 2018, and the 27th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics will be held in Shanghai, China, in 2019.

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