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The theme of conference was focussed on (i) Matrix Methods in Statistics, (ii) Combinatorial Matrix Theory and (iii) Classical Matrix Theory covering different aspects of Linear Algebra. This conference was in sequence to the conference 'CMTGIM 2012' held in Manipal during January 2012. The main goal of the conference – ICLAA 2014 was to bring experts, researchers, and students together and those to present recent developments in this dynamic and important field. The conference also aimed at stimulate the research and support the interaction between the scientists by creating an environment for participants to exchange ideas. The conference was supported by *National Board for Higher Mathematics*, *Department of Science and Technology*, *Council of Science and Industrial Research* and *Indian National Science Academy.*

The scientific activities of the ICLAA 2014 was dedicated to eminent matrix theorist 'Prof. Ravindra B. Bapat' on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Many of his contemporaries, collaborators and students have come together to serve the objectives of the conference on the occasion, in honor of him. The list of invited speakers consists of R. Balakrishnan, Abraham Berman, Rajarama Bhat, Rajendra Bhatia, Arup Bose, Steve Haslett, Surender Kumar Jain, Andre Leroy, Steve Kirkland, S. H. Kulkarni, Arbind Kumar Lal, S. K. Neogy, Sukanta Pati, Simo Puntanen, T. E. S. Raghavan, Bhaba Kumar Sarma, Ajith Iqbal Singh, K. C. Sivakumar, Sivaramakrishnan Sivasubramanian, Murali K. Srinivasan, Wasin So, V. S. Sunder. For the detailed list of participants and speakers, abstract of the talks, Photos, and Videos please visit http://conference.manipal.edu/ICLAA2014/

The book entitled 'Linear Algebra with Applications - A volume in honor of Prof Ravindra B Bapat' has been released on the occasion. This book published by Manipal University Press, Manipal India(http://www.mup.manipal.edu/ BookDetails.aspx?BookId=61&Type=B), consists of selected papers of Bapat. The editors of this book are Steve Kirkland, K. Manjunatha Prasad, Sukanta Pati, and Simo Puntanen.

A special issue of the 'Electronics Journal of Linear Algebra' will be dedi-

cated to this conference and the last date of submission of article for this issue is April 15, 2015.