

## PREFACE

The International Conference on Geometry, Integrability and Quantization was a topical meeting with approximately thirty participants. The Conference was organized around the general trend of application of geometrical ideas in Mechanics, Physics and Biology. The lectures were held in an informal setting, and since all participants were in residence for about ten days, there were extensive opportunities for the mutual exchange of ideas and discussions — facilitated greatly, without any doubt, by the picturesque environment of Sts. Constantine and Elena resort.

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*The Editors*