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This special issue of the Journal of Nonlinear Mathematical Physics contains a selection of papers presented at the Workshop on Nonlinear Differential Equations held in Durban, South Africa, in May, 2009, and of papers contributed by a number of persons who were unable to attend the Workshop and some who were specially invited to contribute papers to this special issue. All papers were refereed in accordance with the norms of the Journal.

The theme of the Workshop was the presentation of current and emerging ideas in the analysis of nonlinear differential equations and their application to the resolution of problems with the intention of making researchers, particularly those in training, in South Africa familiar with developments in the field. This special issue of the Journal is designed to make these ideas and applications, supplemented as noted above with additional contributions, more widely known to the general community of researchers.

A considerable number of researchers expressed interest in the concept of the Workshop, but were unable to attend for a variety of reasons. To enable greater participation of active and trainee researchers a second workshop is to be held in Sweden towards the end of May, 2010. It is intended to devote a second special issue of the Journal to selected papers from this workshop and other contributions.

The present Workshop was part of a programme devoted to nonlinear differential equations under the sponsorship of the Swedish–South African Agreement in the form of grant number 60935 administered by SIDA (Sweden) and the National Research Foundation (South Africa) and we express our deep appreciation for the support provided by these institutions.

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