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Preface

The seventeenth South African Symposium on Numerical Mathematics was held at the Breakers Hotel, Umhlanga Rocks from 15 to 17 July 1991. It was organized by the South African Society for Numerical Mathematics (SANUM), in conjunction with the Computer Science Department of the University of Natal, Durban. Thirty eight delegates attended the conference, and thirty papers were presented. The invited speakers from abroad were Prof. Rolf Jeltsch from ETH, Zürich, Switzerland, and Prof. Eli Levin from the Open University, Israel. Our local keynote speaker was Prof. Daya Reddy from the University of Cape Town. James Keiser a PhD student from the University of Colorado, Bolder, currently visiting the University of the O.F.S., also attended the Symposium and read a paper.

This collection of papers represents an excerpt of those delivered at the conference. Participants had a choice in deciding whether to submit an extended abstract, or a full length paper to these Proceedings. All contributions are published as received from the authors, without any refereeing or editing. Refereed Proceedings of this year's Symposium will be published in a special issue of *Questiones Mathematicae*. Dirk Laurie and Ben Herbst have been appointed as guest editors. The deadline for submission of papers for this special Q.M. issue is 30 September 1991.

De Beers Chairman's Fund Educational Trust is thanked for their generous support of this Symposium. Our sincere thanks also go to Sparc Systems for their sponsorship and their computer demonstration and display at the Symposium. The prize for the best paper delivered by a delegate under the age of 35 years was sponsored this year by Sparc Systems (the Sparc prize). The winner was Lance Vogel - congratulations! Previous prizewinners were Adrian Solomon in 1990 and in 1989 the prize was shared between André Weideman and Lance Vogel.

All contributors to the Symposium, chairpersons of sessions and participants are thanked for their participation. On behalf of the members of SANUM and all delegates present at the Symposium, I express a very sincere word of thanks to Ms. Ethel Carte of the Computer Science Department, University of Natal, Durban for her invaluable assistance with the organizing and smooth running of the Symposium and the publishing of these Proceedings. As always, it has been a great pleasure and privilege working with her.

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