11th International Workshop on Set Theory

Meeting 417, CIRM, Luminy

October 4-8, 2010

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Report by the Organizers

This was the 11^{th} meeting in a series of workshops in Set Theory organized at the CIRM, Luminy, near Marseille. The meeting was sponsored by the French Mathematical Society (SMF) and in addition to the SMF; it received financial support from the CNRS, Mathematical Institute of Jussieu, the Group in Analysis, University Pierre et Marie Curie, the Group in Mathematical Logic, University de Paris 7 – Diderot and the European Science Foundation INFTY network. There were 51 participants from 13 different countries. The scientific level of the meeting was extremely high; among the participants were most of the leading researchers in this subject in the world. There were 9 invited speakers at the International Congress of Mathematicians; there were also 4 promising graduate students and a number of young researchers mostly from Europe. There were 6 female participants, which is still low but is higher than in the past.

The scientific program consisted of two mini courses of 3 lectures each given by Ben Miller and Hugh Woodin and 22 lectures of 30 or 50 min. There was ample time for research collaboration in small groups, which rendered the meeting very relaxed, enjoyable and productive.

Scientific highlights of the workshop

Hugh Woodin presented in his mini course some new dramatic developments in the search for the the canonical inner model for large cardinals such as supercompact cardinals and beyond. This is an ongoing project which has involved some of the leading researchers in this field for the last 30 years. Progress in this area has been incremental but Woodin's work points to a successful completion of this project. In the second mini course Ben Miller presented his approach to dichotomy theorems in descriptive set theory. This is a very active and fruitful area which has numerous interactions with other fields of mathematics. Miller's approach allows him to avoid the use of effective methods in these results and to give a unified proof of numerous results in this area. Among other exciting developments Justin Moore presented his recent work with Paul Larson and David Aspero on forcing axioms and the Continuum Hypothesis. In particular, they show that there is no maximal forcing axiom compatible with CH, which is in striking contrast to the situation in which CH is not required to hold. Matteo Viale presented his recent joint work with Christoph Weiss in which they show that any reasonable way to obtain the Proper Forcing Axiom (PFA) requires a supercompact cardinal. It should be pointed out that the exact consistency strength of PFA is one of the central open problems in set theory. In his talk Grigor Sargsyan showed an improved lower bound for the consistency strength of the negation of the square principle and Andrés Caicedo showed how Miller's ideas can be extended and generalized to obtain dichotomy results in the universe L(R). It would take too long to mention all the other exciting new results which were presented in the meeting. The detailed program and slides from the talks have been posted on the internet at

http://ests.wordpress.com/2010/11/12/11 th-international-workshop-on-set-theory-scientific-program/

Assessment of the results and impact of the event

Over the past 20 years the bi-annual Luminy workshops have become one of the key events in Set Theory. The consistently high levels of the scientific program as well as the very pleasant environment have contributed to establishing a tradition of scientific excellence combined with an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere. These meetings provide a unique opportunity for young researchers to interact with the leading experts, learn about the most important developments and discuss future directions in this subject. They have no doubt played an important role in the resurgence of scientific activity in Set Theory in France and, more generally, in Europe. The financial support of the European Science Foundation has added visibility and prestige to this conference. We intend to continue this tradition in 2012 and beyond. One aspect which we plan to emphasize in the future is interactions with other areas of mathematics. We also plan to invite more female participants and scientists from developing countries.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM:

MONDAY, October 4 2010

MORNING

9:20 – 9:50 S. GESCHKE (University of Bonn, Germany)

2-dimensional convexity revisited

10:00-10:30 P. KOSZMIDER (Technical University of Lodz and Polish Academy of Sciences) Indecomposable Banach spaces of large densities

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:15 B. MILLER (University of Muenster, Germany)

Graph-theoretic dichotomies in descriptive set theory, mini course lecture I

AFTERNOON

16:00 – 16:50 J. MOORE (Cornell University, Ithaca, USA)

No Pi_2 maximal theory with CH

17:00-17:30 A. BLASS (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)

Forcing with ultrafilters and forcing ultrafilters

17:30-18:00 Coffee break

18:00-18:50 S. FRIEDMAN (University of Vienna, Austria)

Shelah classification and higher descriptive set theory

19:00-19:30 H. MILDENBERGER (University of Freiburg, Germany)

The minimal cofinality of an ultrafilter can be larger than the successor of the bounding number

TUESDAY, October 5 2010

MORNING

9:00 - 9:50 M. DZAMONJA (University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK)

SUSIFA- a forcing axiom at the successor of a singular cardinal 10:00 – 10:30 K. THOMPSON (University of Vienna, Austria) Generalizations of scattered orders 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break 11:00 – 12:15 B. MILLER (University of Muenster, Germany) Graph-theoretic dichotomies in descriptive set theory, mini course lecture II

AFTERNOON

16:00-16:30 J. CUMMINGS (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, USA)

The tree property revisited

16:40-17:10 D. LECOMTE (Université de Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris)

Potential Wadge classes

17:10-17:30 Coffee break

17:30-18:20 M. FOREMAN (University of California, Irvine, USA)

An anti-classification theorem for measure preserving diffeomorphisms of the torus

18:30-19:20 S. SOLECKI (University of Illinois, Urbana, USA)

Tukey reductions and the structure of the classes of P-ideals and \$\sigma\$-ideals

WEDNESDAY, October 6 2010

MORNING

9:15-10:30 B. MILLER (University of Muenster, Germany)

Graph-theoretic dichotomies in descriptive set theory, mini course lecture III

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:15 H. WOODIN (University of California, Berkeley, USA)

Long extenders, iteration hypotheses, and ultimate L, mini course lecture I

THURSDAY, October 7 2010

MORNING

9:00-9:30 M. ZEMAN (University of California, Irvine, USA)

Covering arguments for the core model at small cardinals

9:40-10:10 S. GAO (University of North Texas, Denton, USA)

Extensions of partial colourings on countable groups

10:10 - 10.45 Coffee breaks

11:45-12:30 H. WOODIN (University of California, Berkeley, USA)

Long extenders, iteration hypotheses, and ultimate L, mini course lecture II

AFTERNOON

16:00-16:30 M. VIALE (University of Torino, Italy)

Accessible versions of strongly compact and supercompact cardinals

16:40-17:10 C. ROSENDAL (University of Illinois, Chicaco, USA)

Finitely approximable groups and actions

17:10-17:40 Coffee break

17:40-18:10 A. TORNQUIST (University of Vienna, Austria)

Conjugacy, orbit equivalence and von Neumann equivalence of actions of free non-amenable groups

18:20-18:50 A. RINOT (Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel)

A unified approach to higher Souslin trees constructions

19:00-19:30 A. CAICEDO (Boise State University, USA)

\$G_0\$-dichotomies for infinity-Borel sets

FRIDAY, October 8 2010

MORNING

9:00-9:30 J. BRENDLE (Kobe University, Japan)

Combinatorics of F_sigma quotients

9:40-10:10 G. SARGSYAN (UCLA, Los Angeles, USA)

On the strength of square

10:10-10:40 I.NEEMAN (UCLA, Los Angeles, USA)

Countable linear orders in reverse mathematics

10:40-11:15 Coffee break

11:15 -12:30 H. WOODIN (University of California, Berkeley, USA)

Long extenders, iteration hypotheses, and ultimate L, mini course lecture III