

Preface

The Eighth International Conference “Curves and Surfaces” was held in Paris at the Arts & Métiers ParisTech, Paris Campus, during June 12–18, 2014. The conference was part of an ongoing joint French-Norwegian conference series on curves and surfaces. Previous meetings in France were held in Chamonix in 1990, 1993, and 1996, in Saint-Malo in 1999 and 2002, and in Avignon in 2006 and 2010. The last meeting in Norway was held in Oslo in 2012. Proceedings have been published for all of the meetings.

The 2014 edition of Curves and Surfaces was attended by 280 participants from 35 different countries. The program included 10 invited one-hour survey talks, 10 minisymposia comprising 46 talks, 115 contributed talks, and 2 poster sessions with a total of 36 posters.

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The meeting was held in the very building where Pierre Bézier studied engineering from 1927 to 1930. The meeting included a special session dedicated to him, as well as a party in his honor subsidized by the “Fondation Arts et Métiers”. We thank them sincerely.

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