

Preface

This volume presents the proceedings of the third international conference on particle systems and partial differential equations, “PS-PDEs III”, which was held at the Centre of Mathematics of the University of Minho in Braga, Portugal, during 17–19 December 2014.

The meeting was intended to bring together prominent active researchers working in the fields of probability and partial differential equations, so that they could present their latest scientific findings in both areas, and to promote discussion on some of their areas of expertise. Further, it was intended to introduce a vast and varied public, including young researchers, to the subject of interacting particle systems, its underlying motivation and its relation to partial differential equations.

This volume includes 16 contributed papers written by conference participants on essential and intriguing topics in the fields of probability theory, partial differential equations and kinetic theory.

We believe that this volume will be of great interest to probabilists, analysts and also to those mathematicians with a general interest in mathematical physics, stochastic processes and differential equations, as well as those physicists whose work intersects with statistical mechanics, statistical physics and kinetic theory.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all the speakers, and to the participants, for contributing to the success of this meeting.

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We really hope that you enjoy reading this book!

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