

Preface

In 2008 and 2009, the Simon Stevin Institute for Geometry participated in the organization of Ph.D. courses at the universities of Leuven (Belgium), Kragujevac (Serbia), Murcia (Spain) and Brasov (Romania). Besides the main course lectures on “Natural geometrical intrinsic and extrinsic symmetries”, there were invited short lectures on a varied selection of topics in differential geometry. Several of the lecturers were able to find the time to prepare their talks for the publication in this book.

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