

Preface

The present 36-th volume of the *Nuclear Theory* series contains articles based on the presentations given at the Thirty Sixth International Workshop on Nuclear Theory (IWNT-36) held from 25-th of June to 1-st of July 2017 in the Rila Mountains, Bulgaria.

This year the venue of the Workshop was Hotel Lion in Borovetz Resort. The Workshop is annually organized by the Nuclear Theory Laboratory (NTL) of the Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy (INRNE) of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) since 1980. The Organizing Committee with the help of the Advisory Committee and the members of the Laboratory make continuous efforts to enlarge the scientific field covered by the Workshop. Our aim is to sustain the interest of the participants in the contemporary developments and problems in the fundamental theory and experiment in nuclear physics study, as well as, in applications which are of utmost importance for the whole society.

The main topics of the 2017 Workshop

- nuclear structure and reactions;
- symmetries and dynamics;
- collective and intrinsic motions of nuclei;
- exotic nuclei;
- few-body and many-fermion systems;
- nuclear astrophysics and related topics

are part of the NTL's program for basic nuclear physics research. This broad range of subjects gives a space for the participants to cover the most actual points of view relating the theory with experiment, providing interpretation and predictions, bridging interdisciplinary topics related to nuclear structure and reactions.

The Workshop was attended by 54 participants (including the organizers) from 14 countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, USA. The scientific program contained totally 35 oral talks and 2 poster presentations.

The Workshop proved once more time itself as a fruitful ground for exchanging ideas not only between nuclear physics scientists from different fields and institutions, but also between the experienced scientists and the new coming generation of young physicists. During IWNT-36 a number of young scientists and students were introduced to real scientific activities including the newest trends in the experimental and theoretical nuclear physics as well as in the prospective related fields of research providing them a variety of ideas for possible career development. One of the sessions was devoted to the memory of Dr. Rossen Pavlov from NTL who passed away on 9-th September 2016.

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The beautiful mountain nature, the good weather and the friendly atmosphere at the workshop provided a nice opportunity for direct communication between participants. We were able to realize our full social program with an excursion to the city of Bansko and local hiking tours in the Moussala region.

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Finally, we would like to thank all the participants of IWNT-36 for their contribution to the nice scientific atmosphere as well as to the participants who contributed to the present volume. We hope that the scientific level and the quality of the papers included prove the vitality and the future perspectives of the nuclear physics and its related areas.

The next 37-th issue of the International Workshop on Nuclear Theory will be held in Borovetz, Rila Mountains, Bulgaria from 24-th to 30-th of June 2018.

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