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The present 39-th volume of the *Nuclear Theory* series contains articles based on presentations given at the Thirty Ninth International Workshop on Nuclear Theory (IWNT-39) held from 3-rd to 9-th of July 2022 in the Rila Mountains, Bulgaria. In 2020 and 2021 the pandemic caused significant disturbances both in our individual activities and in those of the community as a whole. Therefore, to be on the safe side the Workshop was organized in a hybrid form combining talks of on-site and on-line participants. For a fourth year the venue of the Workshop was Hotel Lion in Borovetz Resort. Since 1980 the Workshop has been 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). 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 studies, as well as, in applications which are of utmost importance for the whole society.

The main topics of the 2022 Workshop

- nuclear structure and reactions;
- nuclear equation of state and symmetry energy;
- nucleon correlations in nuclei;
- 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 makes it possible for the participants to cover the most actual areas relating the theory with experiment, providing interpretation and predictions, bridging interdisciplinary topics related to nuclear structure and reactions.

The Workshop was attended totally by 52 participants (including the organizers) from 14 countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russia, Spain, Türkiye, USA. The scientific program contained totally 42 oral talks (26 of them remote) 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-39 a number of young scientists and students were introduced to real scientific activities including the newest trends in the

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experimental and theoretical nuclear physics as well as in the prospective related fields of research providing them a variety of ideas for a possible career development.

The beautiful mountain nature and the friendly atmosphere at the Workshop provided a nice opportunity for a direct communication between participants. We were able to realize our full social program with a walking excursion to Tsarska Bistritsa, a former royal palace, situated just above the Borovetz Resort and near the banks of the Bistritsa River.

The Workshop was organized and the proceedings are published partly by the donation of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant and the financial support of the Bulgarian National Science Fund. A number of international contracts and agreements of NTL members have also provided a valuable support for the organization of the Workshop. Having this support we were able to help the participation of a number of international young and first-time visitors, as well as of our retired colleagues who are prominent specialists in the subject of the Workshop.

The United Nations General Assembly and UNESCO proclaimed the year 2022 as an International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development. The Workshop is a part of the events supporting this initiative.

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Finally, we would like to thank all the participants of IWNT-39 for their contribution to the nice scientific atmosphere as well as 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 40-th anniversary issue of the International Workshop on Nuclear Theory is planned to be held in Borovetz, Rila Mountains, Bulgaria, from 2-nd to 8-th of July 2023.

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