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Preface

The seventh meeting of the Canadian Number Theory Association was held in Montréal, Québec, Canada during the week of May 19–25, 2002. It took place at the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques (CRM) on the campus of the Université de Montréal (UdeM).

The Canadian Number Theory Association (CNTA) was founded in 1987 at the International Number Theory Conference at Laval University. The purpose of the CNTA is to enhance and promote learning and research in Number Theory, particularly in Canada. To advance these goals the CNTA organizes major international conferences, with the aim of exposing Canadian students and researchers to the latest developments in number theory worldwide. The previous meetings have been held in Banff (1988), Vancouver (1989), Kingston (1991), Halifax (1994), Ottawa (1996) and Winnipeg (1999). These have been high quality conferences which have had wide participation of the international number theory community.

The conference was organized into several themes comprising the main directions of current research in number theory. There were sessions in Algebraic Number Theory, Analytic Number Theory, Arithmetic Algebraic Geometry, Computational Number Theory and Diophantine Analysis and Approximation. Each session had lectures exposing the recent main developments in the area, and others presenting new research results.

There were 186 participants representing 15 different countries, and 115 speakers. This volume is a collection of refereed articles selected from those presented at CNTA VII and is a cross section of current research in number theory. It contains expository articles as well as research articles and is aimed at an audience of active researchers as well as those entering the field.

A highlight of the meeting was the award of the second Ribenboim Prize to Henri Darmon. We were very pleased that this award was presented by Andrew Granville, the only previous recipient, and by Paulo Ribenboim.

We would like to thank the CRM and the Number Theory Foundation for their generous support. We also want to express our gratitude to the staff of the CRM, in particular Louis Pelletier, Louise Letendre and André Montpetit, for ensuring the smooth functioning of the meeting. Finally we thank the students and session organizers M. Kolster (Algebraic Number Theory), K. S. Williams (Analytic Number Theory), E. Z. Goren (Arithmetic Algebraic Geometry), G. Walsh (Computational Number Theory), and D. Roy (Diophantine Analysis and Approximation) for their selfless work in making the conference a success.

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