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Preface

The Fourth International Conference on Topological Algebras and Their Applications was held in the city of Oaxaca, Mexico, from July 1 to 5, 2002. The main purpose of the meeting was to bring together the international group traditionally attending such conferences with Mexican specialists in the field of topological vector spaces. Topics covered by the lectures included function algebras, various types of topological algebras (locally convex, locally pseudoconvex, nonconvex, Gelfand-Mazur, etc), locally convex and Banach spaces, spectral theory, and operator theory and related topics.

This volume contains talks presented at the conference as well as articles received in response to a call for papers; some are expository and provide new insights, while others contain new research. Most of them are addressed to mathematicians working in any area of analysis, interested in topological algebras or topological vector spaces.

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The first three International Conferences on Topological Algebras and Their Applications were held in 1999 in Tartu, Estonia; in 2000 in Rabat, Morocco; and in 2001 in Oulu, Finland. We cherish the hope that this tradition will continue uninterrupted for many years.

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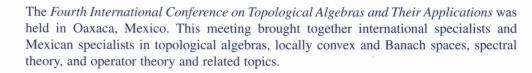
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