

Preface

The Xth Workshop in High Energy Physics Phenomenology (WHEPP X) was held at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, during 2–13 January 2008. There were a total of about 110 participants not including local participants. This is the third time that the WHEPP series has come to Chennai and to this Institute. There were 12 plenary talks and 8 non-overlapping working group talks. Most of these are represented in this issue of *Pramana – J. Phys.*

The WHEPP series has now become a regular feature of the Indian Phenomenology community, so much so that it has built a reputation for itself even amongst non-Indian phenomenologists. This is because many of the notable phenomenologists around the world have participated some time or the other in WHEPP.

For the first time, Cosmology was included in the Neutrino and Astroparticle working group, in keeping with the increasing overlap of Cosmology with Particle and Astroparticle Physics. In addition, the other working groups were QCD and QGP, Collider and Flavour Physics and Beyond Standard Model Physics (including Model Building).

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I would like to thank my colleagues in the Local Organizing Committee, for their help in the organization and running of the workshop. Our system managers were instrumental in making sure that all computer services were operational during the meeting, for which I am grateful.

Finally I am grateful to all the speakers and participants who came, talked, worked and interacted and thereby made the program a success.

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