



Graphs, groups, and more: celebrating Brian Alspach's 80th and Dragan Marušič's 65th birthdays

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It is our great pleasure to announce the conference “Graphs, groups, and more: celebrating Brian Alspach's 80th and Dragan Marušič's 65th birthdays” that will take place in Koper, Slovenia, from 28 May to 1 June, 2018. The conference is dedicated to our colleagues Brian Alspach, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and Dragan Marušič, on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

Brian Alspach has had a distinguished career, primarily at Simon Fraser University in Canada. Since his retirement in 1999 he has held adjunct positions at the Universities of Regina (Canada) and Newcastle (Australia). He supervised 13 PhD students and has been a keen advocate and mentor for young mathematicians, and for establishing innovative programs of study. His research interests have included permutation groups and their actions on graphs; tournaments and digraphs; decompositions and factorizations of graphs; Hamilton cycles and other cycles in graphs, and more.

As one of the first mathematicians from the former Yugoslavia with a PhD obtained abroad, Dragan Marušič returned home to take a teaching position at the University of Ljubljana after having spent ten years at various universities in England and USA. He then moved to the University of Primorska where he now serves as the third rector. He has had a profound influence on mathematics in Slovenia, and is regarded as the founder of the Slovenian school of algebraic graph theory. He has been passionately involved in the promotion of mathematics and mathematicians in Slovenia, having supervised 7 PhD students and mentored many other young mathematicians. His research interests focus on the concept of symmetry in the broadest sense, with permutation groups and their actions on graphs as a primary “point of interest”.

Venue: The conference will take place at UP FAMNIT in Koper, Slovenia.

Confirmed Invited Speakers:

- Darryn Bryant, The University of Queensland, Australia
- Danny Dyer, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada
- Donovan Hare, University of British Columbia – Okanagan, Canada
- Ademir Hujdurović, University of Primorska, Slovenia
- Klavdija Kutnar, University of Primorska, Slovenia
- Aleksander Malnič, University of Ljubljana & University of Primorska, Slovenia
- Joy Morris, University of Lethbridge, Canada
- Primož Potočnik, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Mateja Šajna, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Primož Šparl, University of Ljubljana & University of Primorska, Slovenia
- Boris Zgrablić, University of Primorska, Slovenia
- Cui Zhang, Sweden
- Cun-Quan Zhang, West Virginia University, USA



Organizing Committee: Klavdija Kutnar, Joy Morris, Mateja Šajna

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- UP FAMNIT – University of Primorska, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies
- UP IAM – University of Primorska, Andrej Marušič Institute
- Centre for Discrete Mathematics, UL PeF (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education)

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