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## Preface

The 14<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Meson Production, Properties and Interaction - MESON 2016 - took place in Cracow, Poland, from 2 to 7 June 2016. The conference with a tradition dating back to 1991 was attended by over 170 participants from 21 countries from around the world. In total, there were 37 plenary talks, 69 parallel session talks and 24 posters. Additionally to regular conference program a special public talk on recent discovery of gravitational waves was given by Eugenio Cocchia.

Objective of the MESON Conferences is to provide an overview of the present status of the physics areas in which mesons play an important role, as well as of new developments, and a preview of the forthcoming investigations. The topics covered hadronic and electromagnetic meson production in a broad energy range, meson interaction with mesons and nuclei, structure of hadrons, fundamental symmetry studies with mesons, exotic systems including the recent discovery of a dibaryon. Theoretical lectures focused mainly on the problems of low-energy QCD with use of effective field theory and lattice QCD. Widely presented were diverse approaches to the problems of dynamical chiral symmetry breaking, kaon bound states, mesic atoms and nuclei, and mesons in nuclear matter. Research related to the physics of mesons are closely linked to fundamental problems of physics. Therefore, the conference program this time was expanded to cover these items. In particular, the conference program covered recent results and future plans on investigations of electric dipole moment of hadrons and dark photon searches.

The success of the conference was made possible by the extensive work of the Advisory Committee, the Organizing Committee and the Local Organizing Committee. Special thanks are to our home institutions, organizers of the conference, Jagiellonian University, Forschungszentrum Juelich, INFN Frascati, and Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Science, Cracow for their generous support.

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