



*Editorial*

## Combinatory Analysis 2018: In Honor of George Andrews' 80th Birthday

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The articles of this Special Issue of the Annals of Combinatorics present a printed testimony for the fact that George Andrews has passed the milestone age of 80. To honor George Andrews at this occasion, the conference “Combinatory Analysis 2018” was organized at the Penn State University from June 21 to 24, 2018.

As the organizers of this conference, we were planning to produce an adequate printed document of this event. When we asked Bill Chen, the Managing Editor of the Annals of Combinatorics, about the possibility to have this document as a special issue of his journal, he accepted immediately! We asked more than 120 participants of the conference and other colleagues of George Andrews to contribute. As the outcome of a procedure which followed the standard rules of journal refereeing, this special issue contains 37 articles related to the mathematical interests of George Andrews.

All these articles will appear also in a book version which will be published with Birkhäuser. In addition to the articles from this special issue, this extended version will also contain material more suited for a book rather than for journal publication: surveys, pictures, etc.

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