## Preface

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The 4th joint meeting of the international conference on hyperfine interactions and the international symposium on nuclear quadrupole interactions (HFI/NQI 2012) was held on 10–14 September 2012 at the Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, China. This is the first time to have this series of the international conference in China. This conference was organized jointly by China Institute of Atomic Energy (CIAE), Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics (SINAP) and Lanzhou University (LZU) under the auspices of International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP).

The conference maintained its general spirit and intention of the previous conferences. The scientific program covered a wide spectrum of the subjects of the hyperfine interactions and nuclear quadrupole interactions detected by nuclear radiation. The conference consisted of the plenary sessions in which the invited talks and oral presentations were given and the poster session. Nearly 100 scientists from 25 countries participated in the conference. The conference received 105 abstracts. There were 13 invited talks and 29 oral presentations in the plenary sessions. The rest of the contributions were presented in the poster session.

I would like to express our sincere thanks to all participants for your coming and great contributions to the success of the conference.

I am very grateful to all members of the International Advisory Committee for your excellent advice on the organization of the conference and your conscientious recommendation of the invited speakers and to the Program Committee for the selection of the invited talks and oral presentations at the plenary sessions.

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