## **EDITORIAL**

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The conference gathered about 90 participants from Ukraine, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Georgia, Syria, Iran, and Australia.

The program of the Conference included the following topics: general problems of kinetic description, the numerical simulation of dusty plasmas; transport properties of dusty plasmas; interactions between dust particles in plasmas; the application of dusty plasmas; etc.

The papers included in this issue were reviewed in the regular manner.