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Preface

We had a RIMS Symposium entitled “Developments of Cartan Geometry and Related Mathematical Problems” at RIMS Kyoto University from October 24 to October 27, 2005. This is the proceedings of the symposium, in which we collect the papers contributed after the symposium by all the speakers.

The question *what is Cartan geometry?* may be first posed here. As well known by the Erlangen program, in 1870's Lie and Klein opened the vast area of geometries of homogeneous spaces, so-called Klein geometries. After half a century in 1920's Cartan introduced the notion of new geometries, *espaces généralisés*, more general than Klein geometry and Riemannian geometry, and playing with respect to the different homogeneous spaces same role as a Riemannian space plays with respect to an Euclidean space. In modern terminology, *un espace généralisé* is a curved space modeled after a homogeneous space, or a principal fibre bundle with a Cartan connection. This beautiful synthesis that Cartan achieved, however, has been long forgotten except for a few specialists.

Recently there are increasing interests to Cartan connections in studying various geometric structures, in particular, non-integrable distributions, CR-structures, geometries of differential equations, etc., with the viewpoint of nilpotent geometry and parabolic geometry. We might say it is these geometries related with Cartan connections that Cartan geometries mean.

But we would like to use “Cartan geometry” in the broader sense to signify the geometries which have developed after Cartan's geometric spirit, especially after the ideas behind his papers around 1899 - 1911. In fact, the work of Cartan of this period on Pfaff systems, infinite groups, and differential equations seems to be the core of his whole extensive work and containing deep insights and ideas still to be developed.

Our symposium was a good opportunity to bring together in the spirit of Cartan geometry many people hitherto working from different mathematical origins, in different domains, or in different countries. We wish that this volume not only be a testimony of the enthusiasm of exciting discussions in the symposium but also become a source of new developments of Cartan geometry.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the speakers and the participants for their own contributions to make the symposium successful and this volume rich in contents.

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October 24 (Monday) - 27 (Thursday), 2005
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Program

October 24 (Monday)

- 9:30–10:20:** **Robert Bryant (Duke Univ.)**
The geometry of real hypersurfaces in unimodular complex surfaces
- 10:30–11:20:** **Michail Zhitomirskii (Israel Institute of Technology)**
Cartan prolongation, Legendrization and Monsterization
- 11:30–12:20:** **Jiro Adachi (Hokkaido Univ.)**
Classification of horizontal loops in the standard Engel space
- 14:00–14:50:** **Goo Ishikawa (Hokkaido Univ.)**
Extra singularities in geometric solutions to Monge-Ampère equations of three variables
- 15:00–15:50:** **Nobutada Nakanishi (Gifu Keizai Univ.)**
On Nambu-Lie groups
- 16:00–16:50:** **Hideya Hashimoto (Meijo Univ.)**
On some projective bundles of 6-dimensional submanifolds of octonions

October 25 (Tuesday)

- 9:30–10:20:** **Soji Kaneyuki (Nihon Institute of Technology)**
Causal structures and symmetric spaces
- 10:30–11:20:** **Toshiyuki Kobayashi (RIMS)**
Visible actions on complex manifolds and multiplicity-free representations
- 11:30–12:20:** **Tomoyuki Arakawa (Nara Women's Univ.)**
Infinite-dimensional Lie algebras, vertex algebras and W-algebras
- 14:00–14:50:** **Pawel Nurowski (Warsaw Univ.)**
Differential equations and conformal geometry
- 15:00–15:50:** **Hajime Sato (Nagoya Univ.)**
Differential equations and Schwarzian derivatives
- 16:00–16:50:** **Yoshinori Machida (Numazu Institute of Technology)**
Monge structures, Cartan distributions, and Goursat equations

October 26 (Wednesday)

- 9:30–10:20: Peter Greiner (Univ. of Toronto)**
Subelliptic PDE's and subriemannian geometry
- 10:30–11:20: Keisuke Ueno (Yamagata Univ.)**
Some asymptotic boundary behavior of a proper harmonic maps between Carnot spaces
- 11:30–12:20: Chisato Iwasaki (Himeji Univ. of Technology)**
Symbolic calculus of pseudo-differential operators and curvature of manifolds
- 14:00–14:50: Kenro Furutani (Tokyo Science Univ.)**
Heat kernel on nilpotent Lie groups
- 15:00–15:50: Takao Akahori (Himeji Univ. of Technology)**
D-branes of A-type from the point of view of CR structures
- 16:00–16:50: Sung Ho Wang (KIAS Seoul)**
1-rigidity of CR submanifolds in spheres

October 27 (Thursday)

- 9:30–10:20: Andrei Agrachev (SISSA Trieste)**
Differential invariants of control systems: a variational approach
- 10:30–11:20: Igor Zelenko (SISSA Trieste)**
On canonical frames for vector distributions
- 11:30–12:20: Kazuhiro Shibuya (Hokkaido Univ.)**
Drapeau theorem for differential systems
- 14:00–14:50: Reiko Miyaoka (Kyushu Univ.)**
Bryant-Salamon's metric with holonomy G_2
- 15:00–15:50: Tohru Morimoto (Nara Women's Univ.)**
Nilpotent analysis and differential equations

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