PREFACE

The Twelfth biennial Brazilian regional topology meeting (**Encontro Regional de Topologia**) took place in Águas de Lindóia in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, October 14 - 17, 2019. This meeting was dedicated to Professor Daciberg Lima Gonçalves on the occasion of his 70th birthday. All participants (including those who were not able to attend) of the meeting were invited to contribute to a Special Issue of the Topology and its Applications in honor of Professor Gonçalves (or simply Daciberg).

This volume is the result of the contributions from some of the participants of the XII ERT. It contains 21 papers on a wide spectrum of topics in topology including topological coincidence theory and braid groups, two of the research areas Daciberg has made significant contributions in the last twenty years. Among the contributors are some of his collaborators from outside of Brazil and also many Brazilian topologists influenced by Daciberg.

In the past twenty five years, Daciberg has been instrumental in helping to create a network of algebraic topologists in the state of São Paulo. Through his collaborations with other researchers, Daciberg has brought many visitors to Brazil. Such interactions between the Brazilian topologists and these visitors have been mutually beneficial. In addition to his leadership role in the algebraic topology community in Brazil, Daciberg also contributes to the larger topology community, most notably as a managing editor for Topology and its Applications. It is therefore fitting to dedicate this special issue to him.

We thank Jan van Mill for agreeing to publish a special issue dedicated to Daciberg. In particular, we thank the contributors and, most of all, the anonymous referees who took the time to review the submitted manuscripts especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saúde! Daciberg.

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