Preface

The present volume is an outcome of the INdAM Conference “Homological and Computational Methods in Commutative Algebra”, which took place at the Palazzone in Cortona, Italy, from May 30 to June 3, 2016.

The volume reflects much of the spirit of the INdAM Conference. It provides a snapshot of the current developments in Commutative Algebra, with special emphasis on homological notions, combinatorics, and symbolic computations. The fifteen chapters address a wide range of topics, from themes that are at the heart of the discipline to themes that establish connections with related areas.

Both the conference and this volume are dedicated to Prof. Winfried Bruns on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

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