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Preface

This book brings together 27 state-of-the-art, refereed and subsequently revised, research and review papers, by leading experts and practitioners in mathematical methods in biomedical imaging, in intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and in optimization and inverse problems. The emphasis is on trying to discover relations and connections between these fields that will enhance progress in each of them. As this volume shows, applicable mathematical work in these fields goes hand-in-hand with real-world applications and the mutual “technology transfers” between them leads to further progress.

The topics covered here include mathematical aspects and practical problems in current major and emerging technologies in diagnostic and therapeutic medicine and biology research. The contributed work signifies the interdisciplinary cooperation between mathematicians and scientists from medical physics, engineering, clinical medicine, and biology that leads to mathematically based better solutions of practical problems in biomedical imaging and IMRT.

The Huangguoshu National Park of China, Guizhou, China, under the leadership of Mr. Degang Yuan, President of the Huangguoshu Tourism Group Company, LTD, recognizing the importance of the field and the need for interaction between theoreticians and practitioners, and desiring to create a high-profile cultural activity at the Huangguoshu National Park, provided us with a special grant to organize the “Huangguoshu International Interdisciplinary Conference on Biomedical Mathematics—Promising Directions in Imaging, Therapy Planning, and Inverse Problems.” The Conference took place during November 3–9, 2008, in the breathtaking Huangguoshu National Park of China.

The Conference was conducted under the scientific auspices of the Mathematical Center of the Ministry of Education of China at Peking University (PKU) in Beijing, China; the Center for Computational Mathematics and Scientific Computation (CCMSC) at the University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel; the School of Biomedical Engineering & Sciences at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia, USA; and the Guizhou University in Guiyang, Guizhou, China.

Experts from around the world were invited and participated. They came from Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, P.R. China, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Most of the papers in this volume originated from the lectures presented at the Conference, while others were written in the wake of discussions held during the Conference.

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We hope that researchers in applied mathematics, medical physics, biomedical imaging, and intensity-modulated radiation therapy will find this book a useful tool in their current research and development efforts.

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