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Introduction: These are the papers accepted for publication in a special issue of *Operators and Matrices* that were written by the participants of the the "Second International Conference on Operator Algebras in Morocco", Marrakech, April 14-18, 2008.

The first conference in this series was held in November 2005. The success of it motivated the second conference and this special volume of OaM. ICOAM 2008 was intended to be a comprehensive, inclusive conference covering all aspects of theoretical and applied operator algebras. This conference included special sessions on C^* -algebras and nonselfadjoint operator algebras, operator theory and function spaces, and operator spaces and noncommutative L_p spaces.

Topics:

- C^* -algebras
- Nonselfadjoint operator algebras
- Operator Theory
- Function Spaces
- Operator Spaces
- Noncommutative L^p Spaces
- Banach algebras
- Representations
- Mathematical Physics

Main Speakers:

- Massoud Amini (Tarbiat Modarres University, Iran)
- Abdelhamid Boussejra (University Ibnou Tofail, Kenitra)
- Nate Brown (Pennsylvania State University, USA)
- Gilles Cassier (University of Lyon 1, France)
- Joachim Cuntz (University of Muenster, Germany)

- Trond Dignernes (University of Trondheim, Norway)
- Dave Larson (Texas A&M University, USA)
- Mostafa Mbekhta (University of Lille 1, France)
- Christian Le Merdy (University Franche-Comte, France)
- Francesc Perera (University Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)
- Paul Pinton (Instituto Superior Técnico, Portugal)
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ICOAA 2008 was held in the beautiful resort-style hotel-conference complex *Hotel De L'Electricite C.O.S.-One* in Marrakech. There were fourteen one-hour talks by the main speakers and number of shorter talks by the other participants.

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