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This special issue includes papers which were presented at the Eighth International Workshop on Perspectives on High-dimensional Data Analysis (HDDA-VIII). Cadi Ayyad University and the Moroccan Association of Probability and Statistics organized the 8th edition of 'International Workshop on Perspectives on High-dimensional Data Analysis (HDDA-VIII-2018)', which was held in Marrakesh from 9–13 April 2018.

This workshop is the 8th, in a sequence of workshops on the Perspectives on High-dimensional Data Analysis that took place in:

HDDA-I, 2011, Fields Institute, Canada

HDDA-II, 2012, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Canada

HDDA-III, 2013, University of British Columbia, Canada

HDDA-IV, 2014, Banff International Research Station, Canada

HDDA-V, 2015, University of Victoria, Canada

HDDA-VI, 2016, Fields Institute, Canada

HDDA-VII, 2017, CIMAT, Mexico

The HDDA series has become a well-established tradition and one of the most visible, annual events on HDDA. Professor S. Ejaz Ahmed envisioned and initiated this important workshop series.

This workshop went very smooth and was a great success. As well as domestic participants, it attracted many international participants from various countries. It has successfully fulfilled the agenda of promoting research activities and has created a rather focused venue for participants to actively discuss and exchange research ideas via presentations and informal post-presentation discussions. The list of speakers at the workshop was impressive, and most of the talks were based on unpublished and on-going work.

After completing the refereeing process, eleven papers are selected to feature in this issue which contains nine of eleven papers; two papers already published in regular issues due to a system error.

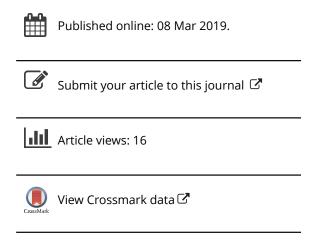We are grateful to Professor Richard Krutchkoff, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation (JSCS) for arranging and managing this special issue.

We would like to express our thanks to the local organizers, superb staff and management at Cadi Ayyad University for the encouragement and support in the organization of this workshop. Our special thanks go to Drs. Khalifa Es-Sebaiy and Idir Ouassou for their time, effort and support and in taking the lead role in organizing this workshop.

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