Preface

In the Fall of 1998 the 13th International Symposium on High Energy Spin Physics once again gathered a broad spectrum of researchers working in this field of particle physics. This series of biannual meetings started in 1974. The Symposium took place at the Institute for High Energy Physics, Protvino, Russia from 8-12 September 1998. IHEP hosted the Symposium for the second time. 23 plenary talks and 110 talks at the parallel sessions were presented. Organizing Committee would like to thank all the participants of SPIN98 and in particular the speakers.

Polarization phenomena in particle physics have attracted active attention during last few decades. New theoretical approaches and models have appeared which shed light on the experimental facts and predicted new phenomena. The year 1998 marked the tenth anniversary of the EMC publication on the nucleon spin problem and this topic was among the most actively discussed ones at the Symposium. After ten years a nucleon spin structure remains to be a puzzle. Research on spin phenomena has now attracted a significant following of experimental and theoretical physicists. Spin investigations became oriented and systematic ones. The Symposium SPIN98 in Protvino marked continuation of these trends and progress in the spin studies during last two years.

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