

## Preface

The 59<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Nuclear Physics will be held this year at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi during Dec. 8-12, 2014. This annual event has been instrumental in setting up a tradition for research in nuclear physics in particular and basic sciences in general in our country. The aim of this series of symposia has been to provide a scientific platform to the nuclear physics community to present their research work and to interact with the researchers in this area. This year, there has been very enthusiastic response in terms of the number of papers which is more than 500 contributed papers and 19 theses submitted for presentation in the symposium. In addition there are 24 invited talks being delivered by distinguished speakers from India and abroad. We are grateful to all the speakers and participants for the overwhelming response and participation in the symposium. There will be Indian Physics Association (IPA) sponsored awards for the best poster and best thesis presentations in the symposium. An Orientation Program on Digital Signal Processing for young researchers will also be arranged on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

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