FOREWORD

Greetings and Foreword

Dear Colleagues,

This special issue of NOLTA journal is based on the NOLTA 2013 conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At this conference, NOLTA was looking for the new directions to expand, at the same time building on existing strengths in theory and applications of the nonlinear phenomena. This conference yielded a wonderful opportunity for researchers to catch up in the recent development in research, and establish new collaborations, especially on the international level.

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We hope to see you personally at the next NOLTA conference, and read your future submissions in NOLTA journal.

With best regard,

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