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INTRODUCTION

The International Category Theory Conference (CT2011) was held on the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver, Canada, during July 17-23, 2011. There were 87 registered participants giving 54 talks, including 6 invited talks, 7 plenary talks by members of the program committee and 41 contributed talks. The Pacific Institute of Mathematics (PIMS) was a sponsor and gave partial support to the invited speakers and provided for the coffee breaks as well as printing a Conference Manual. Continuing help throughout the meetings was supplied by Oriana Bella, the PIMS coordinator.

The choice for the Wednesday afternoon excursions was between a Lynn Canyon hike led by Laura Scull and a Vancouver City Tour. These excursions were followed by a harbour dinner cruise attended by a total of 95 people, including participants and accompanying persons. The conference banquet was held at Sage Bistro on Friday the 22nd of July, 2011.

Richard Wood agreed to be the chair of the Program Committee when it was first formed in 2010 and he selected all its members. Because of Richard's other commitments arising later that year, Stephen Lack kindly agreed to take over as chair. The other members of the committee were Michael Barr, George Janelidze, Tom Leinster, Susan Niefield, Diana Rodelo, Giuseppe Rosolini and Myles Tierney. Together they selected all the speakers and took care of program changes during the meetings.

Members of the Organizing Committee were John MacDonald (Chair), Maret Christiansen, Jorge Picado and Richard Wood.

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