Foreword

After a successful first workshop on the theme of stellar spectral libraries in Delhi in 2011 and with exciting new projects like Gaia on track, it was natural that a second addition of the workshop be held sooner than later. The meeting was planned and held between October 14-17, 2013 in the beautiful city of Lyon, the capital of Rhône-Alpes region of France.

The workshop included themes such as the empirical and synthetic spectral libraries, characterization of stellar spectra, usage of libraries for stellar population studies and stellar physics, surveys, and the dissemination of data through archives and the virtual observatory. We are grateful to the SOC for a wonderful scientific program. We thank all the authors for submitting their manuscripts within the deadline and to Ranjan Gupta for help with the reviewing process.

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