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Sixth International Workshop on
Optimal Codes and Related Topics – OC 2009

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Topics	• Optimal linear codes over finite fields and rings; • Bounds for codes; • Spherical codes and designs; • Covering problems for linear and nonlinear codes; • Optimization problems for nonlinear codes; • Sets of points in finite geometries; • Combinatorial configurations and codes; • Optimality problems in cryptography; • Graph theory and codes; • Related topics
Time	**June 16 − 22, 2009**
Location	The Workshop will take place at hotel St. Elena (http://svetaelena.com/hotel.aspx?lang=en). Varna is the nearest airport. More information by oc2009@math.bas.bg.
Registration Fee (includes accommodation all inclusive, social events, workshop proceedings and materials)	EURO 550/600 (Double/Single room) prior to May 16, 2009; EURO 600/650 (Double/Single room) after May 16, 2009; EURO 400 for students (Double room); EURO 350 for spouses.
Deadlines	**March 31, 2009:** to inform the organizers if you intend to come; **April 15, 2009:** Deadline for submission of papers; **May 1, 2009:** Notification of acceptance (to be mailed out).
Language	The official language of the Workshop will be English.
Proceedings	The organizers intend to prepare a book of proceedings of the workshop. Authors are invited to submit at most six pages camera-ready papers in English, LaTeX format 132×190 mm, by e-mail to oc2009@moi.math.bas.bg.
More information	Visit our web site http://www.moi.math.bas.bg/oc2009/oc2009.html.