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The international conference on Curves and Surfaces is organized by the activity group SIGMA covering the topics of Signal, Image, Geometry, Modeling and Approximation, within the french applied and industrial mathematics society SMAI. It fosters interaction among mathematicians, engineers and computer scientists around the above topics. The previous conferences took place in Chamonix (1990-1993-1996), Saint-Malo (1999-2002), Avignon (2006-2010) and Paris (2014).

The 9th conference took place in Arcachon between June 28th and July 4th, 2018. It gathered about 300 scientists, with a rich program alternating between plenary lectures and parallel sessions which included minisymposia on selected topics. The present special issue is composed of ten contributions from plenary speakers as well as mini-symposia organizers and speakers. We hope that it will be of interest to researchers in the various fields represented in the conference.

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