The third Russian-Finnish symposium on discrete mathematics (RuFiDiM 14) was held in Petrozavodsk, Russia, in September 2014. It was organized by the St. Petersburg Department of V.A. Steklov Institute of Mathematics of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Applied Mathematical Research of Karelian Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of Turku. The symposium was a part of collaboration of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Finland. In addition, it was supported by the Russian Foundation of Basic Research. The symposium was devoted to discrete mathematics in broad sense.

The previous RuFiDiM symposiums were organized in St. Petersburg in 2011 and in Turku in 2012.

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The call for papers attracted 38 submissions. Out of these 32 were selected for presentation. In addition, there were four invited talks given by A. Zvonkin, A. Raigorodskii, J. Kari and J. Cassaigne. The abstracts of all presentations are shown in the website of the conference (http://mathem.krc.karelia.ru/event.php?id=218\&plang=r).

This special issue contains final versions of 12 presentations, two of those being surveys given by invited speakers. All articles we reviewed according to standard criteria.

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