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on Chow groups of quadrics and their stable birational equivalence, with application to the construction of fields which carry anisotropic quadratic forms of dimension 9, but none of higher dimension; - a contribution in French by Bruno Kahn which lays out a general framework for the computation of the unramified cohomology groups of quadrics and other cellular varieties. Most of the material appears here for the first time in print. The intended audience consists of research mathematicians at the graduate or post-graduate level.