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# Foreword

CONCURRENCY 88, the international conference on formal methods for distributed systems, was held October 18-19, 1988, in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany.

This conference was presented in connection with the annual conference of the German Society for Computer Science (GI), dedicated this year to complex and distributed systems.

CONCURRENCY 88 was held in response to great interest in the field of formal methods as a means to master the complexity of distributed systems. One of the goals of the conference was to compare and contrast various methodologies, such as constructive or property oriented. Major topics included the practical implications of formal specification techniques.

Particularly in Europe, proponents of different methods often consider themselves to be more or less competitors; investigation of possible integration, combination and unification of the various methodologies has been neglected. In the United States, on the other hand, the discussion and cooperation among representatives of different methods is considerably more prevalent.

The CONCURRENCY 88 addressed the following topics:

- Specification Languages
- Models for Distributed Systems
- Verification and Validation
- Knowledge Based Protocol Modelling
- Fault Tolerance
- Distributed Databases.

The presented papers include 12 invited, and 14 selected by the program committee. Contributions were presented by authors from Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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