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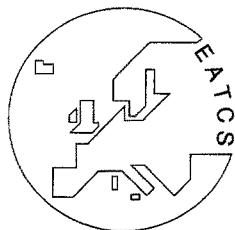
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Foreword

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ICALP'91 has been organized by the "Universidad Complutense de Madrid", Spain, and is being held on the university campus from July 8 to July 12, 1991.

Previous colloquia were held in Warwick (1990), Stresa (1989), Tampere (1988), Karlsruhe (1987), Rennes (1986), Nafplion (1985), Antwerp (1984), Barcelona (1983), Aarhus (1982), Haifa (1981), Amsterdam (1980), Graz (1979), Udine (1978), Turku (1977), Edinburgh (1976), Saarbrücken (1974) and Paris (1972). ICALP'92 will be held in Vienna, Austria, from July 12 to July 17, 1992.

198 papers were submitted to ICALP'91. Despite our best efforts to timetable the maximum number of submissions possible only 54 could be accepted, and many good papers had to be rejected. Each submitted paper was sent to four Programme Committee members, who were often assisted by other competent referees. The Programme Committee met for the final selection on February 1-2, 1991 in Cercedilla, near Madrid. The members of the Committee are as follows:

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Those who attended the meeting are underlined. Some members were unable to be present due to the Gulf War. However their evaluations did arrive in time for this selection meeting.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the members of the Programme Committee for their cooperation under unusual conditions. We would also like to thank all the referees who assisted them. The list of the referees is as complete as we can achieve, and we apologize for any possible omissions or errors.

This volume contains the 54 selected papers together with the 6 papers from the following invited lecturers:

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The papers in the volume are printed in the order of presentation and thus grouped into sessions, most of which are thematic. In addition, two sessions have been devoted to papers supported by ESPRIT Basic Research Actions.

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