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# Preface

The Russian Conferences on Logic Programming were organised with the aim of bringing together researchers from the Russian and the international logic programming communities. The first conference was planned to be held on the shore of Lake Baikal. However due to some local problems it was held September 14–18, 1990, in Irkutsk — a pleasant city in the Eastern part of Siberia. The number of participants was 71 from the Soviet Union and 11 from the other countries. The second conference was held September 11–16, 1991, on the board the ship "Michail Lomonosov", named after the founder of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The ship started from St.Petersburg and sailed along the River Neva, Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega. This time there were 125 participants from the former Soviet Union and 32 from other countries.

This volume contains the selected papers presented to these two Russian Conferences on Logic Programming.

The idea to organise the conference on the ship proved very successful. The next conference will be held on the same ship July 15–20, 1992 in the famous period of white nights. For several reasons it has been decided to change the name of the conference to LPAR — Logic Programming and Automated Reasoning.

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