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Preface

The theme of the 11th Ada Europe conference "Moving towards 2000" aims at emphasizing that the turn of the century is approaching very rapidly. The next century will bring an even more dominant position of information technology in our lives than the current period. Software engineering and Ada both play a major role in the development of software and software technology for this information technology.

The 11th Ada Europe conference shows that indeed Ada has matured from a language, mainly for researchers and academics in the early 1980s, into a full-grown tool in software engineering practice. The technical contributions in the conference demonstrate that Ada is very beneficially used in many software development projects and is gradually accepted on the scale it deserves.

In selecting the technical contributions, papers were sought that would show that Ada is indeed ripened in all aspects of software engineering. A variety of topics is addressed: management, economics, practical experiences, as well as numerics and the use of Ada for real-time and distributed systems.

Almost 60 extended abstracts were received; choosing papers for the final programme was sometimes rather hard, due to the outstanding quality of many of the contributions. As an aid in the selection process, each abstract was refereed by three members of an international panel of referees. The final programme was drafted in an attempt to get a balanced programme with high-quality technical papers. Unfortunately, striving for a balance over the various interesting topics caused several technical contributions of good quality to be rejected.

The programme committee for this conference consisted of:

- Prof. Dimitrous Christodoulakis Univ. of Patras, Greece
- At Hijwegen, Data Sciences, The Netherlands
- Toomas Käer, Ericson, Sweden
- Prof. Jan van Katwijk, Delft Univ. of Technology, The Netherlands
- Prof. Karel de Vlaminc, KU Leuven, Belgium

A large number of people contributed by carefully refereeing the extended abstracts. For this conference, apart from the members of the programme committee, the following persons contributed to the refereeing process: A. Alonso, A. Alvarez, J. Bamberger, E.M. Dusink, E.Dürr, T. Elrad, F. Gomez-Molinero, R.D. Huijsman, J. Kok, B. Lynch, B. Maessen, M. Nagl, G.J. van Oosten, C. Pronk, W.J. Toeteneel, F. Ververs, P. Wehrum, B. Wichmann, and C. Wojahn. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to our sponsors and to the other members of the organizing committee of the conference: Rob Westermann (chair), Pieter Verduin, At Hijwegen and Dick Fikkert.

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Programme Chairman

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