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#### **Preface**

The Eighth Austrian Artificial Intelligence Conference took place at the Bildungszentrum St. Magdalena, Linz, Austria, June 28-30, 1993. Taking into account the sharply increasing importance of fuzzy logic in many areas of applications, it was decided to focus during this conference on "Fuzzy Logic in Artificial Intelligence".

Out of 34 papers submitted in total, 17 were finally accepted by the international Program Committee for presentation during the conference, all of which are reprinted in this volume. The contributions cover a wide range of areas where fuzzy logic and artificial intelligence meet in current research: theoretical issues, machine learning, expert systems, robotics & control, applications to medicine, and applications to car driving.

In addition to the contributed papers, the conference also featured invited talks by Lotfi A. Zadeh, speaking about "The Role of Fuzzy Logic and Soft Computing in the Conception and Design of Intelligent Systems", and by Irina Ezhkova, speaking about "A Contextual Approach for AI Systems Development". We very much appreciate that both supplied abstracts of their plenary talk for this volume.

Additionally, you will find descriptions of the four workshops that took place during the conference. Johann Gamper and Bernhard Moser organized the "Workshop for Doctoral Students in Fuzzy-Based Systems", Andreas Geyer-Schulz and Peter Kotauczek the one about "Fuzzy Logic for Commercial and Industrial Applications", Rainer Born the one on "Karl Menger, Fuzzy Logic and Artificial Intelligence – An Experiment in Reflection", and Roger Kerr the one on "Fuzzy Scheduling Systems". The conference also included two tutorials, one on "Fuzzy Logic and Applications (in particular to Expert Systems)" by Hans-Jürgen Zimmermann, and one on "Fuzzy Control" by Rudolf Kruse. We are very obliged to all of them for their help in making the conference attractive to all participants.

We are indebted to the members of the Program Committee not only for providing the basis for a fair selection from the initial contributions, but also for many useful comments and suggestions concerning the accepted papers, thus enabling the authors to prepare improved final versions of their contributions.

Finally we would like to thank the supporting companies and institutions and all those persons whose assistance in organizing this conference considerably contributed to its eventual success.

Linz, June 1993

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