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Preface

The Third International Conference on Deductive and Object-Oriented Databases is a continuation of the two previous conferences in this area. Its central tenet is the continuing belief that the object-oriented and deductive paradigms for the modeling, organization, and processing of data complement each other rather than competing, and that the solution of problems involving massive volumes of complex data can best be attempted by utilizing the best of both approaches in an integrated fashion.

Central questions in this area are therefore: "How do we design a tool that presents the best of the object-oriented and declarative ideas, blended into one seamless form? How can the users of this tool express their problems in a combination of declarative and procedural features as their needs dictate it?" The search for answers to these issues forms a continuing quest and we have attempted to include papers in this volume that contribute towards this goal.

This volume contains twenty-nine papers. Three invited papers (David Maier, Kotagiri Ramamohanarao, Rainer Manthey) well represent the current efforts towards establishing the technology of deductive and object-oriented databases though concrete prototyping and product-oriented project experiences: Proxies, Aditi, and IDEA.

Twenty-six regular papers were selected out of a total of seventy submissions. Eleven of them were selected by the European Program Committee after a Program Committee meeting held in Milan on June 30; ten were selected by the American Program Committee; and five were selected by the Far East Program Committee. The outcome of the Far East and American Committee was solely based on the referee reports received for each paper and the discussions among the members of the committees. As a noteworthy feature it should be mentioned that the global evolution of electronic mail made it possible to conclude the discussions among the different chairs without ever having to physically gather at one place.

The editors wish to thank all of those who committed their time and efforts towards the success of this conference, either by submitting papers and/or by reviewing them.

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Message of the General Conference Chairperson

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Third International Conference on Deductive and Object-Oriented Databases (DOOD93) to the Valley of the Sun in Scottsdale, Arizona. This is the first time the DOOD conference has been held in the Americas. The notable success of the first two conferences in Kyoto, Japan, and Munich, Germany, established a challenging benchmark for us to meet. Judging from the quality of the papers that were accepted, I feel confident that this tradition of success is being continued. The original goal of the DOOD conference was to bring together researchers and practitioners who are dealing with two of the most promising areas of database research, deductive logic and object-orientation. This goal is still valid, especially as it appears that there will be industrial DOOD systems emerging in the near future.

The high quality of the papers presented at the conference is a direct result of the hard work and diligence of the three program committees and external reviewers under the supervision and guidance of the Program Chairs: Prof. Stefano Ceri, Prof. Katsumi Tanaka and Dr. Shalom Tsur. I would like to express my sincere thanks for their efforts in selecting twenty-six high quality papers and to the authors. I also want to express my thanks to the three invited speakers, Prof. David Maier, Prof. Kotagiri Ramamohanarao and Prof. Rainer Manthey. In recognition of the movement of DOOD out of the research laboratory and into industrial environments, the conference is also featuring two panels, one devoted to DOOD research directions and the other exploring potential application domains for DOOD.

An interesting innovation for this conference is that several papers have been nominated for inclusion in a special issue of the *Journal of Intelligent Information Systems*, dedicated to DOOD topics, that is to appear in 1994.

The conference also includes several special activities for spouses and attendees that are intended to allow participants to gain a deeper appreciation of the Arizona locale. This includes an all-day tour to the Grand Canyon, immediately following the conference.

An undertaking of this magnitude cannot succeed without the assistance of numerous dedicated people who give unselfishly of their time and efforts. I would especially like to thank the chair of the organizing committee, Dr. Forouzan Golshani, for his extensive contributions. Thanks also are due to Prof. Robert Meitz, the treasurer, Ms. Robin Fulford, chair of publications and publicity and to Mr. Ted Karren, chair of registration.

I would like to express my gratitude to the chair of the DOOD Steering Committee, Dr. Jean-Marie Nicolas, and to each of the Steering Committee members. Finally, I would like to thank Prof. Jack Minker, Steering Committee Chair Emeritus, who remains one of the most important driving forces behind the success of this conference.

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