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Foreword

The International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS'95) was held August 28 – September 1, 1995, in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, in the conference facilities of the Krystal Hotel. It was the 20th anniversary in the series of symposia organized in the Czech Republic, Poland, and the Slovak Republic.

MFCS'95 was organized by the Institute of Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic; Charles University, Prague; Prague School of Economics; Center for Theoretical Study of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Charles University and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, and Czech Society for Computer Science.

The previous meetings took place in Jablona, 1972, Štrbské Pleso, 1973; Jadwisin, 1974; Mariánské Lázně, 1975; Gdańsk, 1976; Tatranská Lomnica, 1977; Zakopane, 1978; Olomouc, 1979; Rydzina, 1980; Štrbské Pleso, 1981; Prague 1984; Bratislava, 1986; Carlsbad, 1988; Porąbka-Kozubnik, 1989; Banská Bystrica, 1990; Kazimierz Dolny, 1991; Prague, 1992; Gdańsk, 1993; and Košice, 1994.

The purpose of all these symposia has been to encourage high-quality research in all branches of theoretical computer science and to bring together specialists active in the field.

To stress the 20th anniversary of the conference the program committee took special care in preparing an interesting scientific program reflecting the recent trends in computer science. The keynote address was held by Professor Juris Hartmanis with his talk "On the Computational Paradigm and Computational Complexity". It is a great pleasure to announce that Professor Hartmanis was awarded the Golden Medal of B. Bolzano during this occasion. This medal is awarded by the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic to those outstanding foreign scientists who by their work have substantially contributed not only to the development in the field of mathematics and informatics in general, but also to the development of Czech science in particular. In the case of Professor Hartmanis we much appreciate his continuous long term support of the series of the MFCS conferences from its very beginning. He has participated not only as an editor of the LNCS series, but has been also repeatedly an invited lecturer and a member of MFCS program committee. In this way he has positively influenced the development in computer science in our country. We acknowledge his efforts in the field.

The program committee received 104 submissions in response to the Call for Papers for MFCS'95. The program committee for MFCS'95 consisted of:

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