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Foreword

A new class of models, formalisms, and mechanisms for describing concurrent and distributed computations has emerged over the last few years. A characteristic feature of members of this class is that they are based on (generative) communication via a shared data space. They are called *coordination* languages and models.

This volume contains the proceedings of the First International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION'96), held in Cesena (Italy) 15-17 April 1996.

In response to the call for papers, 78 papers were submitted to COORDINATION'96. All submitted papers were reviewed by at least 3 reviewers. The programme committee met at Imperial College (London) on 11 December 1995 and selected 21 regular papers. A further 10 papers were selected as short papers, to be presented at a poster session; these are included in this volume after the regular papers.

The programme committee invited Jean-Pierre Banâtre, Ugo Montanari, and Peter Wegner to give invited talks; these are included in this volume before the regular papers.

We thank all members of the programme committee and their sub-referees; they are listed on the following pages. We would also like to thank Roberto Gorrieri, the local arrangements chairperson, and Juarez Muylaert Filho and David Cohen for their assistance in processing the referees' reports. The following organisations provided sponsorship for the conference: Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Cesena, Italian National Research Council (C.N.R.), Comune di Cesena, Provincia di Forlì-Cesena, Olidata, Sun Microsystems, Silicon Graphics, Ascom TCS Safnat S.p.A., Link s.r.l., Libreria Minerva, and Cremonini Fabio s.r.l.. Finally, we would not have had the inspiration for arranging this conference had it not been for the EU-funded project COORDINATION; the project has provided partial financial support for a number of the European programme committee members.

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