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### Foreword

This volume contains the papers presented at the Third European Conference on Computational Learning Theory (EuroCOLT'97), held during March 17-19, 1997, in Kibbutz Ma'ale-Hachamisha, Jerusalem, Israel.

This conference is the third in a series of bi-annual conferences established in 1993. The topics discussed in these meetings range over all areas related to Computational Learning Theory with an emphasis on mathematical models of machine learning. The conferences bring together researchers from a wide variety of related fields, including machine learning, neural networks, statistics, inductive inference, computational complexity, information theory, and theoretical physics. We hope that these conferences stimulate an interdisciplinary scientific interaction that will be fruitful in all represented fields.

Thirty-six papers were submitted to the program committee for consideration, 25 of these were accepted for presentation at the conference and publication in these proceedings. In addition, invited talks were presented by A. Ya Chervonenkis, Tali Tishby and Manfred K. Warmuth.

This year the IFIP WG 1.4 Scholarship is awarded to Mr Juris Smotrovs of the Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science, Latvia, for submitting the best paper to Eurocolt '97 written by a student.

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