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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Application and Theory of Petri Nets. The aim of the Petri net conference is to create a forum for the dissemination of the latest results in the application and theory of Petri nets. Typically the conferences have 150-200 participants and usually one third of these come from industry, while the rest are from universities and research institutions. The conferences always take place in the last week of June.

The previous conferences (1980-1996) were held in Strasbourg (France), Bad Honnef (Germany), Varenna (Italy), Toulouse (France), Aarhus (Denmark), Espoo (Finland), Oxford (United Kingdom), Saragossa (Spain), Venice (Italy), Bonn (Germany), Paris (France), Aarhus (Denmark), Sheffield (United Kingdom), Chicago (United States), Saragossa (Spain), Turin (Italy), and Osaka (Japan).

The conferences and a number of other activities are coordinated by a steering committee with the following members: G. Balbo (Italy), J. Billington (Australia), G. De Michelis (Italy), C. Girault (France), K. Jensen (Denmark), T. Murata (United States), C.A. Petri (Germany; honorary member), W. Reisig (Germany), G. Roucairol (France), G. Rozenberg (The Netherlands; chairman), and M. Silva (Spain).

The 1997 conference was organized by the Laboratoire d'Analyse et d'Architecture des Systèmes du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique de Toulouse, jointly with the University of Toulouse I. In addition to the conference there were tool presentations and demonstrations, extensive introductory and advanced tutorials, and two workshops on manufacturing and Petri nets and on multi-media and concurrency.

We received 61 papers from 15 countries and 22 were accepted for presentation. Invited lectures were given by J. Esparza (Germany), J. Sifakis (France), and R. Valette (France).

The submitted papers were evaluated by a programme committee with the following members: W.M.P. van der Aalst (The Netherlands), P. Azéma (France; co-chair), G. Balbo (Italy; co-chair), J.M. Colom (Spain), J. Desel (Germany), C. Girault (France), R. Gorrieri (Italy), K. Jensen (Denmark), E. Kindler (Germany), J. Kleijn (The Netherlands), M. Koutny (United Kingdom), S. Kumagai (Japan), C. Lakos (Australia), G.J. Nutt (United States), L. Ojala (Finland), S. Shatz (United States), D. Simpson (United Kingdom), and W.M. Zuberek (Canada). The programme committee meeting took place at LAAS-CNRS, Toulouse, France.

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