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Preface

ECP, the European Conference on Planning, grew from EWSP, the European Workshop on Planning. It is now the principal European meeting for planning in artificial intelligence. There were three previous meetings, EWSP '91 in St Augustin (Germany), EWSP '93 in Vadstena (Sweden), and EWSP '95 in Assisi (Italy). ECP '97 took place in Toulouse (France), hosted by LAAS (Laboratoire d'Analyse et d'Architecture des Systèmes). However, its appeal extends far wider than Europe: papers were submitted from Mexico to Korea. The range of topics is no narrower: almost all aspects of current artificial intelligence planning are represented among the 35 papers presented.

The conference was also very glad to hear from three invited speakers each with a great reputation in planning: Erik Sandewall, Tom Dean, and Malik Ghallab.

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