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Preface

The 5th Symposium on Graph Drawing (Graph Drawing '97) was organized by the Università di Roma Tre and was held in Rome (Italy) at Villa Celimontana, September 18-20.
A strong technical program of 33 papers and 10 demos was selected from 80 submissions. All the presentations were of high quality. The invited talk of Jaroslav Nešetřil on the coloring of plane configurations was deep and interesting. About 90 participants attended from several countries and all of them contributed in creating a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.
Session topics included planarity, crossing theory, three-dimensional representations, orthogonal representations, clustering and labelling problems, packing problems, general methodologies, systems and applications. A report on the judging of the Graph Drawing Competition was, as usual, a highlight of the Symposium.

I wish to thank all the members of the Program Committee and of the Organizing Committee, the invited lecturer, all those who submitted papers for consideration, and all the referees.

Rome, October 1997 Giuseppe Di Battista

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