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Preface

The papers collected in this volume were presented at the International Conference on Rough Sets and Current Trends in Computing – RSCTC'98 held in Warsaw, June 22-26, 1998. The conference was intended as a forum for exchanging ideas among experts in various areas of soft computing and researchers in rough set theory and its applications – a branch of soft computing showing a significant growth in years – in order to stimulate mutual understanding and cooperation.

It is our pleasure to dedicate this volume to Professor Zdzisław Pawlak who created the theory of rough sets. The present state of this theory and its applications owes very much to Professor Pawlak's enthusiasm and support.

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- Decision Support Systems
- Evolutionary Computations
- Neural Networks
- Computing with Words and Granular Computations
- Grammar Systems and Molecular Computations
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- Complexity Aspects of Soft Computing
- Pattern Recognition and Image Processing
- Statistical Inference
- Logical Aspects of Soft Computing
- Applications of Soft Computing

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