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Preface

Graph Drawing addresses the problem of visualizing structural information. More specifically, it is concerned with the construction of geometric representations of abstract graphs and networks. The automatic generation of drawings of graphs has important applications in key computer science technologies such as database design, software engineering, VLSI, network design, and visual interfaces, and also in engineering, production planning, chemistry, and biology. The range of issues being investigated in graph drawing includes algorithms, graph theory, order theory, graphic languages, applications, and practical systems. A great deal of research in graph drawing is motivated by applications to systems for viewing graphs and interacting with graphs. The interaction between theoretical advances and implemented solutions is an important part of the area of graph drawing.

Graph Drawing '95 (GD'95) was held in Passau, Germany, on September 20-22, 1995. It was preceded by the GD'94 DIMACS International Workshop in Princeton, USA (1994), the GD'93 ALCOM Workshop in Paris, France (1993), and the GD'92 Work Meeting in Rome, Italy (1992).

In response to the call for papers and demos for GD'95, the program committee received 88 submissions. Six submissions applied for both categories. This indicates the strong and growing interest in the area. All but six submissions were received electronically. Each submission was refereed and evaluated by at least four program committee members, or their referees, with six members on the average. The program committee made its final selection via email, from July 10 to 14. It selected 40 papers and 12 demos.

The technical program of GD'95 consisted of 12 sessions and included the presentation of all papers, all but two demonstrations, and a poster gallery with 8 poster displays. Also, in conjunction with GD'95, there was a graph-drawing contest with prizes awarded at the workshop. This volume contains the accepted papers and descriptions of the demos of GD'95, and a report on the graph-drawing contest.

GD'95 gathered 127 participants from 14 countries from all over the world, again with a significant presence of participants with industrial affiliations. The presentations of the papers and the demos were excellent. All presentations were attended by almost all participants with intensive discussions immediately afterwards. There was a stimulating atmosphere at GD'95.

We wish to thank the many people who contributed to the success of the symposium: all authors of submitted papers, demos, and posters, the program committee members, and their referees, and the organizers of the graph-drawing contest. We are grateful to the sponsors of GD'95, particularly to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, and the Bayerische Staatsministerium für Unterricht, Kultus, Wissenschaft und Kunst for providing financial support to the symposium, and to the Universität Passau for offering the use of their facilities. This helped to keep the conference fees low. Special thanks go to the symposium secretaries Susanne Lenz and Renate Schönberger for their excellent settlement of the registration and local arrangements, and to Andreas Stübinger for a perfect handling of all submissions, notifications, and final papers as the GD'95 postmaster.

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