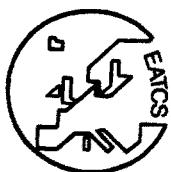


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188 extended abstracts and draft papers were submitted to ICALP 89. The time schedule of the conference allowed for the acceptance of only 45 of these. Therefore the selection was very difficult and many good papers had to be rejected. Every paper was sent to 5 program committee members who again often asked competent referees for assistance. The final selection meeting of the program committee took place in Torino, on February 6,7 1989. The Program Committee (selection meeting participants underlined) consisted of:

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