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Preface

The EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHMS (WDAG-94), organized from September 29 through October 1 on the island of Terschelling, The Netherlands, continued a tradition of successful workshops with a pleasant atmosphere. Earlier workshops in the series were held in Ottawa (1985), Amsterdam (1987, proceedings published by Springer-Verlag, LNCS 312), Nice (1989, LNCS 392), Bari (1990, LNCS 484), Delphi (1991, LNCS 579), Haifa (1992, LNCS 647), and Lausanne (1993, LNCS 725).

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The topics discussed in these meetings cover all aspects of distributed algorithms, including network protocols, distributed control and communication, real-time systems, dynamic algorithms, self-stabilizing algorithms, synchronization, graph algorithms, wait-free algorithms, mechanisms for security, techniques for replicating data and distributed databases. In response to our Call for Papers, 52 papers in these areas were submitted, and the Program Committee selected at its meeting on June 3 in Amsterdam 23 out of these for presentation at the workshop. In addition, A.K. Lenstra, M. Yung, and W.J. Paul were invited to give a lecture.

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The Ninth International Workshop on Distributed Algorithms will be organized in September 1995 in Mont St.-Michel, France, by Jean-Michel Hélary and Michel Raynal.

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