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PREFACE

This volume contains the proceedings of the 13th Colloquium on Trees in Algebra and Programming (CAAP '88), which was held on March 21-24, 1988, in Nancy.

The preceding 12 colloquia have been held in France (the first five in Lille), Italy and Germany. CAAP '85 was integrated to TAPSOFT '85, in Berlin, and CAAP '87 to TAPSOFT '87, in Pisa. As another effort to link theoretical and practical developments in Computer Science, CAAP '88 was held jointly with ESOP '88. ESOP '88 is the 2nd European Symposium on Programming. Papers presented at ESOP '88 address fundamental issues and important developments in the design, specification and implementation of programming languages and systems. ESOP '88 proceedings are published in another LNCS volume.

CAAP '88 is also a conference in the area of program development and programming concepts but, following the tradition, is devoted to theoretical aspects, and especially to Trees, which are a basic structure for Computer Science, and which are explicitly or implicitly studied in a lot of papers in this volume. But CAAP '88 covers also a wider range of topics in Theoretical Computer Science.

Word, tree or graph languages, sometimes with algorithmic or complexity studies, concern about twenty submitted papers. Abstract data types (another classical topic of CAAP) and/or term rewriting systems have been studied in ten papers. The newest fact is the large amount of papers devoted to non-standard logics and parallelism. 17 papers were selected from a total of 41, but two papers submitted to ESOP have been accepted at CAAP too. The program committee chose three sets of papers in the following areas:

- Algorithms and complexity on trees and other structures.

- Abstract data types and term rewriting.

- Logic, parallelism and concurrency.

Within these topics, very interesting papers have been selected.

The invited speakers were G.Ausiello (Rome, Italy) and E. Engeler (ETH Zurich, Switzerland).

We would like to thank the Program Committee members, who deliberated in attempt to provide a high-quality and balanced program, and the referees who reviewed several papers each under a short schedule.

We wish to express our gratitude to the members of the Local Organisation Committee, and specially to its Chairman Jean-Luc Rémy.

We gratefully thank the institutions and firms which supported the conference.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the Springer Verlag, in particular to Mrs. I. Mayer for her cooperation in preparing the proceedings.

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