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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the Ninth International Symposium on Programming Languages, Implementations, Logics, and Programs, PLILP'97. It was held in Southampton, UK, in conjunction with the Sixth International Conference on Algebraic and Logic Programming, ALP'97, and the Third International Workshop on Higher-Order Algebra, Logic and Term Rewriting, HOA'97. The previous PLILP meetings took place in Orléans, France (1988), Linköping, Sweden (1990), Passau, Germany (1991), Leuven, Belgium (1992), Tallinn, Estonia (1993), Madrid, Spain (1994), Utrecht, The Netherlands (1995), and Aachen, Germany (1996). All proceedings have been published by Springer-Verlag as Lecture Notes in Computer Science volumes 348, 456, 528, 631, 714, 844, 982 and 1140.

The PLILP symposium aims at stimulating research on declarative p rogramming l anguages, and seeks to disseminate insights in the relation between implementation techniques, the l ogics of those languages, and the use of these languages in constructing real p rograms. Topics of interest include implementation of declarative concepts, integration of paradigms, compiler specification and construction, program analysis and transformation, programming environments, executable specifications, reasoning about language constructs, experiences in constructing applications, and typing and structuring systems.

The cooperation with ALP and HOA, together with a special track on declarative programming languages in education, has strengthened the attractiveness of the overall event and – as a consequence – the quality of the presentations. The quality and number of submitted papers serves as an indication of the success of this approach. Out of 68 submissions, 25 papers (37%) were selected, as well as some poster and system demonstrations. In addition to the selected contributions, invited talks were given by Neil Jones and Guy Cousineau.

The special track on declarative programming languages in education represents the state of the art in teaching methods using functional and logic languages. It followed the successful Symposium on Functional Programming Languages in Education, held in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in 1995, and which appeared as Springer-Verlag LNCS volume 1022. These papers on education were selected by a separate programme committee chaired by Krzysztof Apt, Paul Klint, and Pieter Hartel.

All communication in organising the symposium was done electronically: submitting papers, distributing papers to reviewers, transmitting and discussing reviews among the program committee members, and giving feedback to the authors. This helped both to reduce the cost of organising the symposium and to keep the time between the deadline for submissions and the conference short.

On behalf of the two programme committees we thank all those who submitted papers. We thank the referees for their careful work in the reviewing and selection process.

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