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Preface

Parallel Virtual Machine (PVM) and Message Passing Interface (MPI) are the most commonly used tools for programming based on the message-passing paradigm.

This volume consists of 49 contributed and invited papers presented at the Fifth European PVM/MPI Users' Group Meeting held in Liverpool, UK, September 7-9, 1998. The conference was organised jointly by the High Performance Computing and Communication group, the Computer Science Department, University of Liverpool, UK, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA. A special session on tools for PVM and MPI was organised by EuroTools Working Group.

The first four conferences of the series were held at the University of Rome, Italy (1994), ENS Lyon, France (1995), TU München, Germany (1996), and the Institute of Computer Science and ACC CYFRONET in Krakow, Poland (1997).

This conference was a forum for users and developers of PVM, MPI, and other message-passing programming environments as well as developers of tools for PVM and MPI. The meeting permitted a useful interaction between the groups and provided a forum for exchanging and developing new ideas in parallel computing.

The main topics of the meeting were the latest extensions and improvements to PVM and MPI, tools for PVM and MPI, performance and evaluation of PVM and MPI, algorithms using PVM and MPI, applications in science and engineering based on the message-passing paradigm, interfaces for PVM and MPI, HPF/MPI extensions, and implementation issues. The conference included 2 tutorials on advanced usage of PVM and MPI, 19 invited talks, and 39 contributed oral presentations.

The drawing up of the interesting programme was due to invaluable suggestions of the members of the EuroPVM/MPI98 Programme Committee. Each contributed paper was refereed by at least two referees.

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