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Preface

SPIRE'2001 is a Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval, now in its eighth edition. This series of meetings originated in South America (Belo Horizonte and Recife, Brazil, in 1993 and 1996; Valparaíso, Chile, in 1995 and 1997) and were originally called WSP (Workshop on String Processing).

Starting in 1998, at Santa Cruz, Bolivia, the focus of the workshop was broadened to include the area of information retrieval due to its increasing relevance and its inter-relationship with the area of string processing. SPIRE'1999, at Cancun, Mexico; SPIRE'2000, at A Coruña, Spain; and SPIRE'2001 continued this trend.

One of the main goals of SPIRE is to facilitate the cross fertilization between those different but related fields. I believe this objective is being met. This year we received a number of high quality contributions from the areas of string processing, information retrieval, and on problems resulting from their combination.

SPIRE'2001 was held in Laguna de San Rafael, Chile. The symposium included the presentations of 20 full papers and 5 poster papers (from 33 submitted), as well as 3 invited talks by Alberto Apostolico (Purdue University, USA, and University of Padova, Italy), Alistair Moffat (University of Melbourne, Australia) and Yuri Zieman (Unveil Inc., USA). This year we created the category of poster papers to encourage the dissemination of promising work that still requires further development.

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