

## Preface

The first TWENTE WORKSHOP ON GRAPHS AND COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION was held at the Department of Applied Mathematics of the University of Twente in May, 1989 because of a need to have a forum where researchers from the Benelux countries and Germany could exchange ideas and results in the theory and applications of graphs and discrete optimization. That workshop gathered 55 participants and was so successful that we decided to organize the 2nd TWENTE WORKSHOP in May, 1991.

This time 85 colleagues, also from countries such as China, France, Hungary and Poland found their way to the region of Twente in the Netherlands. Moreover, Elsevier suggested that we solicit contributions from the participants of the workshop for a special volume of Discrete Applied Mathematics.

The articles submitted went through the usual refereeing process. We as guest editors are very pleased with the high quality of the contributions.

In the meantime, the TWENTE WORKSHOP ON GRAPHS AND COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION is well on its way to becoming a regular biannual international meeting place. We hope that the present proceedings volume will not only give an account of results obtained but will also contribute towards future results in this important area of applied discrete mathematics, and we hope that it will not be the last of its kind.

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