

*Dear colleagues,*

I introduce with great pleasure the issues of *Interval Computations* devoted to papers presented at the conference, “Numerical Analysis with Automatic Result Verification” in Lafayette, Louisiana, February 25 through March 1, 1993. With about 100 researchers from seventeen countries, representing all aspects of interval computation, the conference was a resounding success. We have also been pleased with the response to the call for proceedings papers: we received fifty-six.

The conference papers, mostly of high quality, have been rigorously reviewed (with two or three qualified referees per paper). The papers contained in the three conference issues represent only a portion of those to be eventually published. We beg understanding from those authors whose papers must appear in later issues.

I give my sincere thanks to the authors and the referees. I particularly thank George Corliss, a true partner in the editorial process, whose encouragement, suggestions, and hard, careful work were invaluable. I also thank Vladik Kreinovich, the third editor of these papers, who also enabled an interaction between interval computations and artificial intelligence researchers.

Most of all, I hope that the conference and these proceedings stimulate further research and advancement, with ever greater acceptance of the techniques and impact on mainstream applications.

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