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## Preface

The 1st CologneTwente Workshop on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization, *CTW2001* for short, continues the tradition of the series of Twente Workshops on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization held every other year at the University of Twente in Enschede, The Netherlands.

The *CTW2001* took place during June 6–8, 2001, at the University of Cologne in Cologne (Germany). The organizers hope that this lively series of workshops will extend well into the future as a joint organizational effort between the University of Cologne and the University of Twente and attract an international crowd of young and experienced researchers. Indeed, the *CTW2004* is scheduled for May 31–June 2, 2004 at the Villa Vigoni in Italy.

We are grateful to Professor Peter L. Hammer and Discrete Applied Mathematics for giving us the opportunity this time also to present a refereed collection of 15 interesting research articles as the proceedings of the workshop in a special volume of the journal. If the completion of this special volume has taken more time than originally expected, we must mention that arson, set to the computation center of the University of Twente in the fall of the last year, seemed to have destroyed many of our electronic files. Fortunately, they could be eventually retrieved and the volume happily concluded.

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