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Preface

This is already the third special issue on Combinatorics of Ordered Sets. We hope that it reflects again the stimulating interplay between these two disciplines. During the last ten years the combinatorial theory of ordered sets has developed into a rich mathematical culture which attracts a large number of mathematicians. Thus, we are glad that we can contribute with our volume to this growing culture.

As organizers of the 3rd Oberwolfach Conference on 'Kombinatorik geordneter Mengen' in April 1988, we are pleased that we are once again able to publish contributions of the participants of this meeting as a Special Issue of Discrete Mathematics. It is our hope that this new issue will once more present a valid cross-section of the most notable developments in the theory of ordered sets.

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