Preface

This special issue is the outcome of the 2nd Slovenian Conference on Algebraic and Topological Methods in Graph Theory which was held June 24–28, 1991 at Lake Beld, a beautiful and peaceful vacation resort in the midst of Julian Alps in the north of Slovenia. The conference started in one country and ended in another, although the place has not been changed. Because of the political instabilities arising at the time just before the conference, some of those who intended to attend were not able to come. A few even had to escape before they were able to present their talks as the 10-days war for Slovenian independence broke on June 27. The conference was then practically over, even though some meetings were still held for the die-hards who went on discussing mathematics. But soon they gave up too. Most of our guests were happily escorted by cars over Podkoren pass to Austria. The others left by train. Including those who contemplated a more adventurous scenario but gave in to our arguments and agreed that spending a week on the Adriatic coast was not a very good idea.

We would like to thank all the participants as well as the authors of the papers in this volume who were not able to come but were kind enough to contribute their works.

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