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Foreword

This is the last of three special issues of *TCS* devoted to the *Proceedings* of the meeting on the *Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics* that took place at the University of Oxford in April, 1992. This series of meetings began in 1985, and it has met annually since that time; the Oxford meeting was the eighth meeting in the series. The MFPS series has as its goals

- to familiarize computer scientists with relevant mathematical research,
- to provide mathematicians with a new perspective in their research in which they can see their results applied to problems in theoretical computation, and
- to provide a forum in which both groups can become more aware of the possibility of common research interests and interactions.

The papers in this issue are devoted to concurrency. It clearly is appropriate to devote one of the *Proceedings* issues to this topic, since Oxford has been a leader in developing the theory of concurrent computation to its present state. Several of the articles in this issue focus on various aspects of CSP, the language first crafted by C.A.R. Hoare as a model for concurrent computation. As Guest Editors, we wish to thank the referees of the papers in this issue for their work in evaluating the submissions to the usual high standards of *Theoretical Computer Science*. The Guest Editors and the Organizers of the MFPS series also express their gratitude to the United States Office of Naval Research and its London office, both of which provided significant financial support for the meeting.

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