Preface

This issue of *Theoretical Computer Science* contains a collection of papers whose initial versions were presented at the fourteenth symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science MFCS '89 held in Porabka-Kozubnik, Poland, on August 28 to September 1, 1989.

The MFCS meetings have quite a long tradition, going back to 1972. Since then they have taken place alternately in Poland and Czechoslovakia. Each symposium gathers researchers from East and West Europe and the United States, giving a unique flavour, conducive to vivid and professional discussions. On several occasions, joint work originating at MFCS symposia has continued and resulted in interesting new publications, such as this issue.

We wish to thank Maurice Nivat for opening the columns of the journal to the MFCS symposia. We hope that the readers of this issue will contribute and participate in future MFCS symposia.

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