Preface

This special issue of Discrete Mathematics contains papers presented at the 2000 Combinatorial and Computational Mathematics Center (Com^{2}MaC) Conference on Association Schemes, Codes and Designs held at Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, South Korea, during 3–7 July 2000. The aim of the conference was to bring together students and experts on algebraic combinatorics. It was intended to cover recent developments in the theory of association schemes, graphs, codes, designs and related areas of mathematics as well as their applications. The rich mathematical problems arising from the study of these various areas are the subject of this special issue, which represents part of the work presented at the conference.

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