

Preface

This volume consists of the refereed papers presented at the *Fifth International Conference on Logic Programming and Nonmonotonic Reasoning* (LPNMR'99) held at El Paso, Texas, in December 1999.

LPNMR'99 is the fifth in a series of international meetings on logic programming and nonmonotonic reasoning. Four previous meetings were held in Washington, U.S.A., in 1991, in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1993, in Lexington, U.S.A., in 1995, and in Dagstuhl, Germany, in 1997. The aim of the LPNMR conferences is to facilitate interactions between researchers interested in logic based programming languages and database systems and researchers who work in the areas of knowledge representation and nonmonotonic reasoning.

In addition to presentations of accepted papers the conference will feature talks by four invited speakers — *Marco Cadoli, Vladimir Lifschitz, David Mc Allester, and Leora Morgenstern.*

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