

Preface

We are pleased to bring you this collection of papers for the Ninth International Conference on Conceptual Structures (ICCS), representing continued excellence in conceptual structures research. We have adopted the title “Broadening the Base,” acknowledging the importance of contributions from scholars in many research areas. The first ICCS meetings focused primarily on Sowa’s conceptual graphs; in recent years, however, the ICCS conference series has intentionally widened its scope to stimulate research across domain boundaries. We hope that this stimulation is further enhanced by ICCS 2001 continuing the long tradition of lively conferences about Conceptual Structures.

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The International Conference on Conceptual Structures (ICCS) is the annual conference and principal research forum in the theory and practice of conceptual structures. Previous ICCS conferences have been held at the Université Laval (Quebec City, 1993), the University of Maryland (1994), the University of California (Santa Cruz, 1995), Sydney (1996), the University of Washington (Seattle, 1997), Montpellier (1998), at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, 1999), and at Darmstadt University of Technology (2000).

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