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Because this is a twentieth anniversary, a Planning Committee consisting of Sheldon Akers, Ronald Book, Richard DeMillo, Seymour Ginsburg, Larry Landweber, and Raymond Miller was appointed by Jack Carlyle in October 1978. The Planning Committee decided that it would be appropriate to do something a bit unusual for this symposium. This involved both a lovely setting, in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and an addition to the program in the form of three invited lectures that provide perspective on some of the themes that emerged in the early days and that have greatly influenced the field.

The officers of the Technical Committee undertook the task of implementing the suggestions of the Planning Committee. The National Science Foundation has provided support for the invited lectures through Grant MCS79-01439. The invited speakers were chosen by the officers following many discussions with members of the Planning Committee and others.

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Without the cheerful and excellent assistance of Mrs. Leslie Wilson, the Chairman would have been unable to make decisions, meet deadlines, accomplish the required paper work, and keep the costs within reach.

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