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Foreword

Like its predecessors of the past 14 years, the Eighth Symposium on Operating Systems Principles represents the diversity and vigor of the field. The program speaks for itself. I know that I found that reading the papers was fun -- hardly a tedious task at all.

All in all, 103 papers were submitted. The competition was strong — only 23 papers were accepted — less than one in four. Of these, six were nominated to be considered for inclusion in a special issue of *Communications of the ACM*; five of these were accepted by a second refereeing process managed by Anita Jones. Only extended abstracts for those papers appear here.

The refereeing process, conducted under tight timing constraints, went well. Unlike other conferences, SOSP tries to maintain a high standard of refereeing. Most papers were read by four of the program committee members, myself, and two outside referees. Each outside referee who volunteered was given from one to four papers in his/her area. The outside referees often perform a special service that I value highly. They usually provide many helpful comments to the author(s) to aid in revision. However, I have the general impression that the average quality of outside referee reports is decreasing somewhat. This time a larger fraction of the reports received seemed to concentrate on rating the papers only. I hope this is not indicative of a general trend.

Like many conferences, this one could not have been put together without a lot of help. In addition to the referees, I'd like to thank Debra Fagin, whose help has been invaluable.

David P. Reed
Program Chairperson
October, 1981

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