Special Issue on
Multilevel Methods

The Ninth Copper Mountain Conference on Multigrid Methods was held April 11–16, 1999, at Copper Mountain, Colorado, U.S.A. The major theme of this meeting was "General Scalable Multigrid Methods: Algebraic Algorithms and Parallel Techniques." The seven papers in this volume were presented there and selected for publication in this dedicated issue. The range of topics covered by these papers demonstrates the breadth and strength of this still vibrant area of research.

The Conference was organized by the University of Colorado, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the Center for Applied Scientific Computation at LLNL, the Institute for Algorithms and Scientific Computing of the GMD, and Front Range Scientific Computations, Inc. In addition, the conference was supported by the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation, and IBM Corporation.

The Program Committee for this conference consisted of *Joel Dendy*, *Craig Douglas*, *Paul Frederickson*, *Van Henson*, *Jim Jones*, *Kirk Jordan*, *Jan Mandel*, *Daune Melson*, *Seymour Parter*, *Joseph Pasciak*, *John Ruge*, *Klaus Stüben*, *Ulrich Trottenberg*, *Panayot Vassilevski*, *Pieter Wesseling*, *Olof Widlund*, and *Irad Yaneh*. These members of the Program Committee acted as the *Guest Editors* for this special issue.

Cathy Lee, Conference Coordinator, made sure that the conference and its program ran smoothly and justly earns our deepest gratitude. Finally, we want to thank Arden Ruttan and ETNA for making this special issue possible.

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