EDITORIAL

Fuzzy Logic and related technologies has achieved an important level of implementation within the Spanish scientifc community. As a proof of such statement we include in this special issue a selection of papers presented in the 6th and 7th Conferences of the Spanish Society for Fuzzy Logic and Technology (FLAT) held in Asturias: Oviedo and Gijón (September 1996) and in Tarragona (September 1997). As in previous editions, a special session on the Transference of Fuzzy Technology was organized and enjoyed a positive answer by the industrial community.

In ESTYLF'96 more the fifty papers were accepted after being refereed by two specialists on the field. Therefore the selection has not been an easy task given the high quality and interest of the papers presented to the conference. The same applies to the Tarragona meeting (ESTYLF'97) with 56 accepted papers. We have tried to make a selection of the different fields addressed in both meetings and of the different research lines that are currently being undertaken by the Spanish "fuzzy" community.

We wish to express our gratitude to the authors for their valuable contributions and cooperation throughout the editorial process. We would also wish to specially mention the labor being carried out by the Spanish Association of Fuzzy Logic and Technology, under whose auspices both congresses took place, and which among other important tasks, has fostered the creation and continued edition of MATHWARE AND SOFT COMPUTING.

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