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Dear Readers!

*In several ways this Newsletter is a premier!
First of all it is the first Newsletter for which I could not rely on the extensive support of Dr. Sokoloff. You will remember that due to financial reasons we had to abandon Dr. Sokoloff's careful editorship. This will probably mean, that the English will slightly deteriorate - but perhaps it may also unintentionally give you the chance of a laugh.*

Secondly - and I hope that our American readers will have noticed this, we have now two locations for printing. For North and South America Bela Banathy has taken over the printing of the Newsletter, using the same master as I do here in Linz to print for the rest of the world. This should also enable our American readers to receive the Newsletter with less delay. It also saves a considerable amount of money!

Thirdly - and it is rather me myself who feels this difference, I have a new secretary, Ms. Dagmar Reimann, which takes care of most of the typing and arranging which has gone into the Newsletter.

Fourth : you can read this newsletter via WWW! See the column 'News from the IFSR' for more details.

Lastly it also means that I am obliged to acquire articles for the Newsletter more actively.

Remember, I am always looking for interesting contributions to fill the 'New Trends' column and to provide information on past or future events.

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IFSR wants Your contribution!

We are interested even more in making the Newsletter a forum for information interchange. We therefore ask you to send us short reports about relevant conferences/meetings, announcements of conferences or reviews of interesting books. You can reach us by mail, fax or e-mail. E-mail submissions are preferred! We promise a rather short turn-around time (usually between 2 and 8 weeks).

**EUROCAST'95 -
5th Int. Workshop on Computer Aided
Systems Technology (CAST)**
May 22-25, 1995, Innsbruck, Austria

EUROCAST'95 is on its way!



Prof. F. Pichler and Dr. Jimmy DePauli-Schirnanovich

On Feb. 26th, a selected group of people from the Programme Committee, including Prof. F. Pichler, Kepler Univ. Linz, and Dr. Werner (Jimmy) DePauli-Schirnanovich, Univ. Vienna, met in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, to create an exciting program for the oncoming EUROCAST-conference, co-sponsored by IFSR. Highlights will be the invited papers:

- Prof. Anil Nerode, Cornell Univ. Ithaca, New York, (*remember the famous Nerode-equivalence of automata theory!*) speaking on 'Hybrid systems'.
- Prof. Georg Gottlob, Techn. Univ. Vienna, speaking on 'Reactive Logic'.
- Prof. Sergio Rinaldi, Politecnico di Milano, speaking on 'Chaos and Complexity'.

A total of 90 papers from 14 countries will be presented, including two sessions on the European project on software process improvement (ESPIT).