Foreword

The 7th EUNIS Conference was held in March 2001 in Berlin, the capital of Germany, at the Humboldt University.

This conference in Berlin was the second EUNIS Conference in Germany. The first EUNIS Conference took place in 1995 at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität in Düsseldorf where EUNIS was officially announced to our community.

In EUNIS 2001 we brought together university leaders, higher education information technology leaders, and directors of libraries and media centres from hundreds of European universities and other organizations to explore new directions in information technology, teaching and administration.

The EUNIS Conferences have grown since their inception in 1995 in Düsseldorf, where J. v. Knop was chairing the conference, to a well-respected forum for the discussion of all aspects of the use of information technology in universities, in teaching, research, and administration. We are very happy that the 2001 EUNIS Conference was attended by nearly 500 delegates from 31 European and overseas countries, twice as many as at any EUNIS Conference before. The conference programme was a magnificent mirror of the high quality and diversity of the scientific and technical work of researchers, technicians, and administrators from the EUNIS Community.

In the proceedings of the conference we proudly present 114 contributions from 282 authors from 26 European countries. The conference and the proceedings would not have been a success without help from so many people who deserve our special thanks. We thank all the members of the programme committee and of the organizing committee for helping us with the logistics of the conference, and also the delegates from universities and industry.

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