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Third Announcement

Optimal Discrete Structures and Algorithms – ODSA '97

September 8 – 10, 1997, Rostock, Germany

Dear participants,

we would like to thank you for your continued interest in our conference. Here you will find some final information.

Conference office on Sunday: We reserved a room in the restaurant *Ratskeller*. From the railway station, you can reach it by taking any tram, get off at the second stop (*Steintor*) and go straight ahead (crossing the street *Ernst-Barlach-Straße*). After about 300m you will be at the square *Neuer Markt*. On your right you will see the City Hall. Downstairs, there is the restaurant. Of course, you can also take a taxi from the railway station or just walk parallel to the tram (about 15 min). The conference office will be open from 18.00 to 22.00. In particular, there you will receive the conference materials as well as you may have dinner.

Conference office from Monday to Wednesday: On these days, the office will be located at the main building of the university, Room 31, and it will be open from 08.00. From the railway station, you can reach the university by trams 11 or 12. Get off at the third stop (*Breite Straße*) and go to the left (crossing the street *Lange Straße*). After walking about 150m through the street *Breite Straße* you will be at the square *Universitätsplatz*. Now, on your right you will see the main building of the University of Rostock. Inside, turn left and follow the corridor until its end.

Program: We are very glad to announce that *V.B. Alekseev* and *P.L. Hammer* could be added to the list of invited speakers. Enclosed, you will find a short survey of the program. Please, let us know immediately, if you see any problems with the schedule. We would like to avoid changes during the conference as far as possible. Please note that the 25 minutes time for a contributed talk also includes a brief discussion, hence, those talks should not exceed 20 minutes. Most of the conference will take place in the main building of the university. But since the rooms are very difficult to attain for disabled persons, one conference room (Section C) will be located at the Radisson-SAS Hotel which is in 5 min walking distance from the university. Thus, all contributed talks must be on time very strictly.

Annual Meeting of ICA: The annual meeting of the *Institute of Combinatorics and its Applications* will take place during the conference. Everybody (members and non-members) are invited to participate on Tuesday, September 9, 18.15 in Room 218.

Registration fee: We ask you to pay the registration fee at the conference office when receiving the materials. Recall that it is DM 100 for participants, DM 50 for students, and DM 40 for accompanying persons.

Proceedings: We remind you that there will be a Special Issue of *Discrete Applied Mathematics* with contributions to our conference. The submission requirements and the refereeing process are as usual. The deadline for submission is **October 31, 1997**. Submissions during the conference are very welcome. Authors should follow the enclosed instructions.

Public transportation in Rostock: You may use trams, buses, and the S-Bahn. The same ticket is valid for all of them. The price for a one fare stage ticket is 2 DM (valid in the relatively large central part of Rostock), and 3 DM for a more fare stage ticket. There exist several other tickets like *Kurzstrecke* for short distances of at most 3 stops for 1.50 DM, and *Tageskarte* for one full day for 7.50 DM. You must buy tickets in advance at many rending machines and some kiosks.

Weather: It is difficult to give a good forecast, but you should expect temperatures between 10°C and 20°C. Though we hope that the sun is shining all the time, there may also be rainy days.

Meals: We propose that you get your meals in several restaurants in downtown Rostock. You will find hints in the conference materials. We propose the *Ratskeller* (see above) for the dinner on Sunday. The dinner on Monday will be on the river boat.

Phone numbers: In case of any problems – do not hesitate to call!

Weekend:	(0381) 795 5717 (K. Engel)
	(0381) 799 0985 (H.-D. Gronau)
Sunday evening:	0172 3219504 (Handy of A. Brandstädt)
Other days:	(0381) 498 1521 (secretary's office of the Math. Dept.)
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Accomodation: As far as we know there are no problems concerning accomodation. But if there arise urgent questions, please ask U. Leck (0381) 498 1533 (office)
or (0381) 200 1165 (home).

Information: As always, further actual information can be found at our WWW–page (URL above).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Rostock.

The Organizing Committee

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