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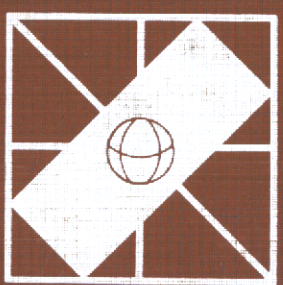

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PREFACE

"Office Automation", "Integrated Office Systems", "Burotics" are different names for the same new topic, one which is growing very rapidly. A major characteristic of this field is the variety of fields it covers, all assembled together for the first time in the history of computer science in order to build one integrated system.

Basic hardware design, Distributed System Control and Architecture, Ergonomics, Organization and Social aspects, Office Modelling, Networking, are techniques which have been discussed at the first international workshop on Integrated Office Systems, held in Versailles, November 1979. This book contains the set of papers which were presented, and the results of the discussions which took place during the working group sessions. A general conclusion which arose is that the Integrated Office Systems field is in its infancy and intensive research and development efforts are needed.

We hope that this book will help people, doing research in the different areas of office systems, to appreciate the scope of the subject, to determine where exactly is the "state-of-the-art" in this area, to see which organization and individuals are engaged in researching this field, and thus hopefully to share in the development of what is one of the most exciting challenges yet proposed by the applications of the computer to the world at large.

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