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Foreword

It is a pleasure to introduce to you the proceedings of the 29th International MATADOR Conference.

The new format of the 'MATADOR' Conference is now firmly established and it is a measure of its success that we have had over 150 papers submitted for consideration of which 77 were finally selected for presentation in the five distinctly separate conferences of CAD/CAM for the 1990s, FMS, CIM and Robotics, Manufacturing Metrology, Metal Forming and Cutting Technology.

1992 is also the 25th anniversary of the first FMS. It was at the 1967 MATADOR Conference that Dr. Theo Williamson announced the Molins System 24 to the world by presenting a substantial paper which covered the system's design, philosophy and economics. The 29th International MATADOR Conference chooses to mark this anniversary by a special session under the heading: The Silver Jubilee of the Molins System 24 - the first FMS.

We hope and expect that you will find much to interest you in the following pages and in the discussions you will have during the Conference with your colleagues from the many countries represented.

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