Preface

The articles forming this book were all written by members of the Esprit Basic Research Action No 3020, "Integration". Together they provide a kind of (incomplete) overview of the work carried out within the framework of this project.

The aim of "Integration" was to study various ways of amalgamating logic, functional and object oriented programming. The perspective provided in this volume strongly leans towards logic programming, hence the title.

It is our hope that this collection of articles provides an interesting insight into the recent advances in the area of logic programming languages.

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