Foreword

This volume contains the proceedings of the 2^{nd} International Workshop on *Advanced Intelligent Networks*, AIN'97, which took place in Cesena (Italy) on Junly 4-5 1997, as a satellite of ICALP'97, the 24^{th} *International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming.*
The first workshop of this series took place last year in Passau (Germany), as a satellite of TACAS'96.

AIN's aim is to bring together industry and academia to discuss ongoing work in the IN field with particular focus on the transfer of research results into practical solutions. Vice versa, issues showing up in the development, installation and operation of IN services provide feedback to the research arena. This comprises, in particular, modelling issues, the discussion of efficient methods and tools to specify and implement new services, to detect feature interaction, and the presentation of innovative features of Service Creation Environments. Interestingly, entire sessions could be devoted to the currently hottest issues in academia (industrial applications of formal methods) and in industry (perspectives and future trends beyond pure wireline telephony).

In addition to the regular sessions, AIN'97 featured invited lectures by

- Pamela Zave, AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, NJ - USA,
- Armando Limongiello, Telecom Italia, Roma - Italy,
- Maurizio Decina, Politecnico di Milano and CEFRIEL, Milano - Italy

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