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Preface to Gomadingen

In October 1986, a conference was held in the Swabian Alps and attended by some 60 distinguished scientists – the “Gomadingen Discussion Meeting on Networks”.

The intention behind this assembly was to discuss, by means of invited lectures, the current problems still standing in the way of a consistent understanding of permanent and transient networks.

Scientists were deliberately invited as representatives of very different schools of thought. This

gave rise to the special structure of this Progress volume. The inclusion in the publication not only of prepared abstracts and contributions, but also the majority of the free discussions of them, is derived from the underlying aim of the meeting: to bring to light the contrasts and consensuses in our understanding.

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