From September 3–15, 1973 there was held a *Colloquio Internazionale sulle Teorie Combinatorie*, in Rome sponsored jointly by the *Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei* (National Academy of the Lynx) of Rome, and the American Mathematical Society. The organizing committees designated by the two sponsors consisted of Professors Beniamino Segre (Chairman), Enrico Bombieri, Lucio Lombardo-Radice, Giovanni Ricci, Giuseppe Tallini, Guido Zappa, and Adriano Barlotti representing the *Accademia*, while Professors Marshall Hall, Jr., (Chairman), Gian-Carlo Rota, William T. Tutte and Bruce Rothschild were designated by the Society.

Approximately sixty-five invited participants were in attendance, from more than a dozen countries. The scientific program was divided into twenty-two sessions of invited talks, each being either of one-hour or thirty-minute duration. In addition, about 25 contributed short communications were delivered. All sessions were held in the Palazzo Corsini (via della Lungara, 10), a Palace which has been the home of the *Accademia* since 1883.

The opening session, on the morning of September 3, featured a welcoming address by the Colloquium Chairman, Professor Beniamino Segre, as well as addresses by Professors Marshall Hall, Jr., *(Construction of combinatorial designs)* and Kazimierz Kuratowski *(My personal recollection connected with research on some topological problems)*.


Living expenses of invited participants were borne by the *Accademia*, which also arranged a visit to the ancient Etruscan city of Orvieto, on Saturday, September 8, for the speakers and their families.

Proceedings of the Colloquium will be published as soon as possible.

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