The meeting on Optimization of Parallel Routines and Applications, June 12-13 2007 in Murcia, is an informal meeting (a friends meeting) conceived to bring together people working in basic and applied aspects of parallel computing. Initially the meeting would gather some researchers working in parallel computing in Spain and with the participation of two foreign researchers. At a second step we though it could be interesting to include presentations from other researchers working in parallel computing in neighbouring universities, from scientists and engineers with highly computationally demanding problems, and from young researchers who are beginning to work in parallel computing. In successive steps, sessions about teaching aspects and clusters administration and use have been included, as well as a meeting of groups about heterogeneous and hierarchical computing. Finally, the meeting has become a friends meeting but with a large number of friends, and different aspects of parallel computing and applications included (Business, Parallel Programming, Application of Parallel Computing, High Cost Scientific Problems, Teaching Aspects, Parallel Numerical Computing, Administration and Use of Clusters). So, we hope the attendants will meet up with old friends and make some new friends, to discuss present and future research lines, and to enrich their field of research with the ideas of speakers working in different fields.

Futhermore, we would like you all to enjoy Murcia during the little free time we have left you outside the very dense agenda.

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