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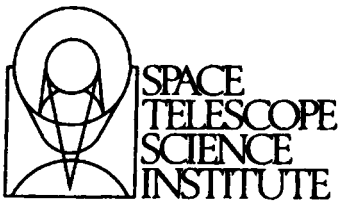

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Preface

It has been said about the Hubble Deep Field, that never in the history of astronomy has so much research effort been put into a completely blank piece of the sky! Yet, the papers presented in this volume demonstrate dramatically that this has been a worthwhile endeavour. These papers represent the invited talks that were presented in the Symposium "The Hubble Deep Field," which was held at the Space Telescope Science Institute, May 6–9, 1997. By now, it has become abundantly clear that the Hubble Deep Field and all the related research that it has inspired, represent a huge step forward in our understanding of the universe at high and intermediate redshifts.

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