Preface

Under the title

"Communications in Arithmetic Fundamental Groups", two workshops were held at RIMS, Kyoto University during February 8-10 of 1999 and October 29-31 of 2001.

Through these meetings, I intended to supply a few modest chances to promote communications of researchers related to this growing area. Thanks to intimate cooperation by the participants and the speakers, we could share many mathematical topics and problems together, some of which are collected in this volume.

For the 2001 workshop, we owe the success deeply to Professor Michael Fried at UC Irvine who motivated the meeting as one of the new stage interactions between the Pacific Rim researchers on Galois groups and Fundamental groups. Thanks to his great supports, the workshop obtained real international phases accompanied by big name speakers and active graduate students over the sea. I hope that each reader find here useful informations, ne connections and further directions of his \checkmark her futur researches.

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