The interested researchers are invited to submit an abstract of about 200 words by December 31, 1997. The notification of acceptance will be communicated by February 28, 1998. Possible publication of papers will be discussed during the workshop.

**Registration Fee:**
Lit. 200.000 (before March 31)  
Lit. 250.000 (after March 31)  
The registration fee covers the coffee breaks, a trip on the lake of Garda on Tuesday afternoon and the social dinner.

**Fellowships**
A limited number of fellowships for young researchers is available to cover the registration fee and/or the living expenses. Interested young researchers have to present a demand signed by a Professor of their institution by December 31, 1997.

**Deadlines**
Pre-registration and abstract: December 31, 1997  
Notification of acceptance: February 28, 1998  
Payment of the reduced registration fee: March 31, 1998  
Introduction

The IV International Workshop on Distribution Logistics (IWDL4) is the fourth workshop of a series. The first workshop was held in Germany, the second and third ones in The Netherlands and in Switzerland.

The main goal of the IWDL workshops is to create and consolidate over time a network of research groups in the area of quantitative methods for problems in distribution logistics.

The previous meetings had some characteristics which we believe determined their success. First of all, the participants were senior and young researchers from various research groups with a common scientific interest: To develop models and design solution methods which improve the efficiency of distribution logistic networks. Secondly, a rigorous methodological approach to the problems was always combined with a great attention to applications. Finally, the atmosphere was always friendly, the discussion active and constructive.

We intend to organize the IWDL4 in the spirit of the series, encouraging the participation of research groups, and in particular of young researchers; our hope is to offer an opportunity for a high quality scientific debate in an informal atmosphere.

Location

The workshop will be held in one of the buildings of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Brescia, a beautiful old convent recently restored.

Brescia is a historical town located 80 kilometers from Milan at the crossing of different important cultural and commercial roads. During the centuries, the alternance between periods of domination by Milan, Venice, the Austrian Empire and periods of freedom had a positive influence on its architecture and on its urban framework. Nowadays it offers important memories of all historical periods, like beautiful roman ruins, a Middle Age castle and fascinating churches.

How to reach Brescia

Brescia can be easily reached from the Central Station of Milan in about 45 minutes by means of the trains which connect Milan to Venice. More detailed information will be sent out in a later announcement.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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I am interested to participate __________ Yes No
I am interested to present a paper (abstract is included) __________ Yes No

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