

# 40 years of Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire

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## Liste des participants

1ère session (Strasbourg, mars 1980)  
et 3ème session (Le Kœnigsbach, février 1981)

M. Barnabei (Bologna)  
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Th. Beth (Erlangen)  
D. Begemann (Linden)  
A. Brini (Bologna)  
M. Clausen (Bayreuth)  
J. Désarménien (Strasbourg)  
W. Deuber (Bielefeld)  
D. Dumont (Strasbourg)  
D. Foata (Strasbourg)  
J. Françon (Strasbourg)  
A. Golembiowski (Bayreuth)  
D. Gouyou-Beauchamps (Bordeaux)  
J. Grabmeier (München)  
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R. König (Erlangen)  
A. Lascoux (Paris)  
K. Leeb (Erlangen)  
H. Lünebourg (Kaiserslautern)  
M. Mörs (Bielefeld)  
B. Morin (Strasbourg)  
W. Oberschelp (Aachen)  
D. Perrin (Rouen)  
C. Puech (Paris)  
J. Riguet (Paris)  
D. Stockhofe (Aachen)  
V. Strehl (Erlangen)

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J. Tappe (Bayreuth)  
K. J. Thürlings (Bayreuth)  
K. Vedder (Giessen)  
G. Viennot (Bordeaux)  
B. Wagner (Bayreuth)  
S. G. Williamson (San Diego)  
K. Winkelmann (Bamberg)  
K. E. Wolff (Giessen)

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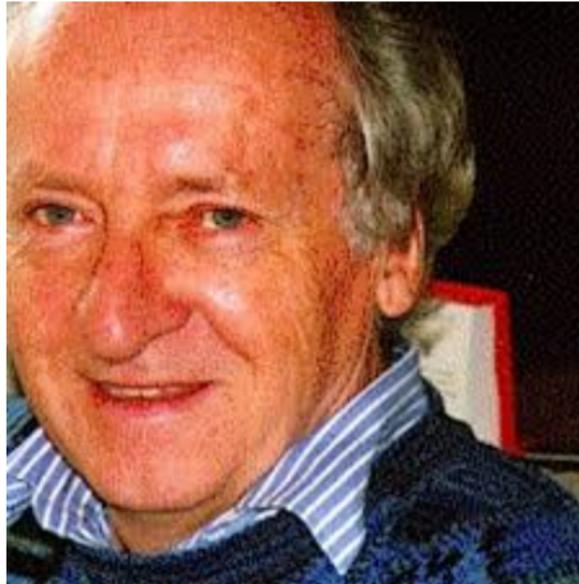
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DOMINIQUE FOATA loves curious denominations. He explained in his speech during the conference dinner of the 33th SLC in Freiberg:

*When the Séminaire was founded in 1980, Adalbert Kerber was already in Bayreuth. However, he had spent his years as Dozent in Aachen. Aachen and Strasbourg certainly belonged to Lotharingen, Lothar Regnum, then Lothringen, Lorraine, . . . , in any case to a kingdom that hardly ever existed. Erlangen, the town where Volker Strehl comes from, belonged to the kingdom of Ludwig the German, another grandson of Charlesmagne, and can be considered, in a wider sense, as part of Lotharingen. But we needed a name for the Séminaire. In the meantime, Adalbert had decided to stay in Bayreuth, a town even farther from the “Mittelreich”! But the idea was already born, and the name of the Séminaire spread in the mathematical world as ‘Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire (Bayreuth, Erlangen, Strasbourg)’.*

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In 2000, DOMINIQUE FOATA and ADALBERT KERBER stepped down, and since then it is VOLKER STREHL, JEAN-YVES THIBON and myself who are organising the SLCs.

## Some special SLCs:

- SLC 1+3 (1980/81, Strasbourg, Le Kleebach): 36 participants
- SLC 42 (1998, Maratea; Andrews-Fest): 51 participants
- SLC 50 (2003, Domaine Saint Jacques): 74 participants
- SLC 52 (2004, Domaine Saint Jacques; Lascoux-Fest): 67 participants
- SLC 54 (2005, Lucelle; Viennot-Fest): 78 participants
- SLC 78 (2017, Domaine Saint Jacques; Thibon-Fest): 82 participants
- SLC 81 (2018, Strobl; Krattenthaler-Fest): 79 participants
- SLC 84 (2020, Joyeuse): 0 participants
- SLC 85 (2020, Strobl): 8 participants