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The interest in STACS has remained at a high level over the past years. The STACS 2016 call for papers led to 205 submissions with authors from 44 countries. Each paper was assigned to three program committee members who, at their discretion, asked external reviewers for reports. The committee selected 54 papers during a three-week electronic meeting held in November/December. For the second time within the STACS conference series, there was also a rebuttal period during which authors could submit remarks to the PC concerning the reviews of their papers. As co-chairs of the program committee, we would like to sincerely thank all its members and the many external referees for their valuable work. In particular, there were intense and interesting discussions. The overall very high quality of the submissions made the selection a difficult task.

This year, the conference includes a tutorial. We would like to express our thanks to the speaker Jarkko Kari for this tutorial, as well as to the invited speakers, Jérôme Leroux, Carsten Lutz, and Virginia Vassilevska Williams. Special thanks also go to Andrei Voronkov for his EasyChair software (http://www.easychair.org). Moreover, we would like to warmly thank Isabelle Renard and Fabienne Le Bihan for continuous help throughout the conference organization.

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