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■ Preface

Although simplicity in algorithms is usually appreciated it frequently does not find the recognition it deserves. Typically program committees prefer papers pursuing new domains or papers reporting improvements in various performance guarantees over papers that “just” simplify known results or that report algorithms that are simpler but slower. The present workshop was set up to counteract this attitude making simplicity and elegance in the design and analysis of algorithms its main objectives.

The response from the community was overwhelming. In spite of rather short notice we received 81 submissions. It quickly became clear that simplicity and elegance are not absolute notions but depend on the field, the background, and the sophistication of the researchers. The work of the program committee was therefore not easy. In the end we selected 15 papers, which you find in these proceedings and which we hope you will enjoy.

I would like to thank members of the program committee for putting this much work in this workshop and I would like to thank the members of the steering committee for conceiving this workshop and making it happen.

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