

FOREWORD

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The interest in STACS has remained at a high level over the past years. The STACS 2009 call for papers led to over 280 submissions from 41 countries. Each paper was assigned to three program committee members. The program committee held a two-week electronic meeting at the beginning of November and selected 54 papers. As co-chairs of the program committee, we would like to sincerely thank its members and the many external referees for their valuable work. The overall very high quality of the submissions made the selection a difficult task.

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