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## ■ Preface

This volume contains the extended abstracts selected for presentation at ESA 2024, the 32nd European Symposium on Algorithms. The event was organized by Royal Holloway, University of London in Egham, United Kingdom, as a part of ALGO 2024, on September 2–4, 2024.

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The European Association for Theoretical Computer Science (EATCS) sponsored best paper and best student paper awards. A submission was eligible for the best student paper award if all authors were doctoral, master, or bachelor students at the time of submission. For Track A, the best paper award was given to Karl Bringmann, Anita Dürer, and Adam Polak for the paper “Even Faster Knapsack via Rectangular Monotone Min-Plus Convolution and Balancing”. For Track B, the best paper award was given to Hideo Bannai, Mitsuru Funakoshi, Diptarama Hendrian, Myuji Matsuda, and Simon Puglisi for the paper “Height-bounded Lempel-Ziv encodings”. For Track S, the best paper award was given to Zhiyi Huang, Zahra Parsaeian, and Zixuan Zhu for the paper “Laminar Matroid Secretary: Greedy Strikes Back”. The best student paper award was given to Daniel Hathcock and Michael Zlatin for the paper “Approximation Algorithms for Steiner Connectivity Augmentation”.

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