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Foreword

The Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science (ICTCS '98) is the annual conference of the *Italian Chapter of the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science* (IC-EATCS). The Conference aims at enabling computer scientists, especially the young researchers to enter our community and to exchange theoretical ideas and results, as well as theoretical based practical experiences and tools in computer science.

This is the sixth Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science, and its main topics include computability, automata, formal languages, term rewriting, analysis and design of algorithms, computational geometry, computational complexity, symbolic and algebraic computation, cryptography and security, data types and data structures, semantics of programming languages, program specification and verification, foundations of logic programming, parallel and distributed computation, theory of concurrency.

ICTCS '98 was held in Prato, Italy, November 9–11, 1998. Previous conferences took place in Pisa (1972), Mantova (1974 and 1989), L'Aquila (1992), and Ravello (1995); the next one will be held in 2001, as the Italian Conferences take place every three years.

The Program Committee selected 32 papers out of 50 submissions, 49 of them in electronic format. Their authors are from 10 countries, from all over the world. Each submission has been sent to three Program Committee members, assisted by their own referees.

The selection meeting took place in Pisa, June 25, 1998. To permit a deeper evaluation of the papers, the Program Committee split in two parts for a preliminary discussion, according to the two tracks of the Journal of Theoretical Computer Science; this reflects the main division in research topics within the community, while making evident its unifying aspects. Then, all the papers were evaluated again and all the decisions were taken altogether.

We would like to warmly thank all the persons who submitted their work to the conference, the Program Committee members and their referees for their invaluable contribution.

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