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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 36th Australasian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, AJCAI 2023. The conference was held during November 28 – December 1, 2023, and was hosted by the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. This annual conference is one of the longest running conferences in artificial intelligence, with the first conference held in Sydney in 1987. The conference remains the premier event for artificial intelligence in Australasia, offering a forum for researchers and practitioners across all subfields of artificial intelligence to meet and discuss recent advances.

AJCAI 2023 received 213 submissions and each submission was reviewed by at least two Program Committee (PC) members or external reviewers in a double-blind process (over 90% of the submissions had three reviews). After a thorough discussion and rigorous scrutiny by the reviewers, 24 papers were accepted for long oral presentation and 58 papers were accepted for oral presentation at the conference. In total, 82 submissions were accepted for publication as full papers in these proceedings with an acceptance rate of 38% (the acceptance rate of the long oral presentations was 11%). AJCAI 2023 had six keynote talks by the following distinguished scientists: Ling Chen from the University of Technology Sydney, Australia; Manik Varma from Microsoft Research India, India; Peter Soyer from the University of Queensland, Australia; Maria Garcia De La Banda from Monash University, Australia; Mengjie Zhang from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; and Dadong Wang from Data61, Australia.

The following are notable aspects of the AJCAI 2023 conference:

- AJCAI 2023 was jointly held with the Defence Artificial Intelligence 2023 Symposium (November 27, 2023). The Defence Artificial Intelligence Symposium is an exciting opportunity for Defence and AI researchers to come together and explore priorities, opportunities, and commonalities.
- AJCAI 2023 included a day with a special industry focus. Panel discussions allowed industry and academia to share challenges and research directions.
- AJCAI 2023 included four workshops, held on November 28: Foundations for Robust AI: Self-Supervised Learning, organised by Saimunur Rahman, David Hall, Stephen Hausler, and Peyman Moghadam; Federated Learning in Australasia: When FL Meets Foundation Models, organised by Guodong Long, Han Yu, and Tao Shen; Artificial Intelligence Enabled Trustworthy Recommendations, organised by Shoujin Wang, Rocky Tong Chen, Hongzhi Yin, Lina Yao, and Fang Chen; and Machine Learning for Data-Driven Optimization, organised by Xilu Wang, Xiangyu Wang, Shiqing Liu, and Yaochu Jin.
- AJCAI 2023 included three tutorials, held on November 28: Reinforcement Learning for Automated Negotiation Supply Chain Management League as an Example, presented by Yasser Mohammad; Towards Communication-Efficient and Heterogeneity-Robust Federated Learning, presented by Guodong Long and Yue Tan; and Decoding

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the Grammar of DNA Using Natural Language Processing, presented by Tyrone Chen and Sonika Tyagi.

• AJCAI 2023 included a PhD Forum, held on November 28, to mentor and assist postgraduate students developing their research, with mentorship provided by research leaders. Limited travel support was provided.

We especially appreciate the work of the members of the Program Committee and the external reviewers for their expertise and tireless effort in assessing the papers within a strict timeline. We are also very grateful to the members of the Organising Committee for their efforts in the preparation, promotion, and organisation of the conference, especially the General Chairs, Dacheng Tao, Sally Cripps, and Janet Wiles, for coordinating the whole event.

Lastly, we thank the National Committee for Artificial Intelligence of the Australian Computer Society; Springer, for the professional service provided by the Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence editorial and publishing teams; and our conference sponsors: the Australian Computer Society; the Defence Artificial Intelligence Research Network; Pioneer Computers; the School of Computer Science at the University of Sydney; the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Queensland; the Human Technology Institute at the University of Technology Sydney; the Adelaide University; and the UNSW AI Institute.

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