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Preface

The annual FST&TCS conference has been an important forum in India, for the presentation of new results on topics of current research interest, and for the interaction between various research groups from all over the world. The ninth conference attracted 116 contributions from 13 countries. A panel of over 250 referees was used in identifying 3 referees for each paper. Twenty-five of these papers were selected for presentation and inclusion in the conference proceedings.

The high quality of submitted papers, the careful reviews, and the deliberation of the Programme Committee have helped in putting up an interesting programme. The focus of the conference has been on the theoretical and foundational issues in algorithms, programming, systems and software engineering.

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