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Preface

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We received 286 papers from all parts of the world. Only 84 papers were selected for publication in this volume of LNAI proceedings. Each paper was reviewed by at least two anonymous referees to assure the high quality. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Program Committee members and all the reviewers for their hard work, which helped us to select the highest quality papers for the conference. These papers highlight opportunities and challenges for the next generation of applied intelligence and reveal technological innovations in real applications.

The papers in the proceedings cover the following topics: autonomous agents, computer vision, data mining and knowledge discovery, decision support systems, evolutionary computation, fuzzy logic and uncertainty, intelligent system applications, intelligent wireless computing, knowledge management and natural language processing, machine learning, multi-agent systems, and neural networks, as well as three special invited topics including engineering knowledge and semantic systems, mass customization of manufacturing products using applied intelligent systems, and mining interesting knowledge.

In addition to paper presentations, the conference invited five internationally famous scholars to give splendid keynote speeches. They were Hisao Ishibuchi from Osaka Prefecture University, Japan, Xin Yao from University of Birmingham, UK, Ngoc Thanh Nguyen from Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland, Wen-Lian Hsu from Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and Pau-Choo Chung from National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan.

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