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Preface

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It was organized in cooperation with ACM SIGMOD, the Moscow chapter of ACM SIGMOD, Slovenian Society Informatika, and the Slovenian Ministry of Technology.

The aim of the ADBIS series of conferences is to provide a forum for the exchange of scientific achievements and experiences using innovative methods and approaches between the research communities of Central and Eastern Europe and the rest of the world in the area of databases and information systems.

The 1999 conference continues the series of ADBIS events held in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Poznan. The ADBIS steering committee has the ambition to make the ADBIS conference the premiere database and information systems conference in Central and Eastern Europe, to increase interaction and collaboration between researchers from East and West, and to provide an internationally recognized forum for the presentation of research and experiences in all aspects of modern database technology and information systems.

To achieve these goals an international program committee selected 26 full research papers in a rigorous reviewing process from a total of 94 submissions from 33 different countries. This high number of submissions from so many different areas shows the truly worldwide recognition of and interest in the ADBIS series.

The accepted papers cover a wide range of topics from storage structures to web applications, from type theory to performance issues. Furthermore, three invited papers give a broader overview of research achievements and insights into the current "hot topics" of databases and information systems: Internet and multimedia, electronic commerce, and ODMG object models.

In addition to the presentation of invited papers and full research papers, the program consists of three tutorials and the presentation of short papers that either allow a glimpse into promising ongoing projects, present novel ideas at an early stage, or give an account of experiences with the application of databases and information systems. These short papers are published in a separate proceedings volume.

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