Preface

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In response to the call for papers, 102 extended abstracts were submitted from 21 countries. Each submitted paper was reported on by at least four program committee members, with the assistance of referees, as indicated by the referee list found in these proceedings. There were many more acceptable papers than there was space available in the symposium schedule, and the program committee's task was extremely difficult. The 47 papers selected for presentation had a total of 105 authors, resident as follows: Japan 24, Germany 17, United State of America 15, Taiwan 10, Hong Kong and Korea 6 each, Spain 5, Switzerland and Australia 4 each, Austria, Canada, and France 3 each, Italy and Netherlands 2 each, and Greece 1.

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