

# Preface

The Third International Workshop on Experimental and Efficient Algorithms (WEA 2004) was held in Angra dos Reis (Brazil), May 25–28, 2004.

The WEA workshops are sponsored by the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science (EATCS). They are intended to provide an international forum for researchers in the areas of design, analysis, and experimental evaluation of algorithms. The two preceding workshops in this series were held in Riga (Latvia, 2001) and Ascona (Switzerland, 2003).

This proceedings volume comprises 40 contributed papers selected by the Program Committee along with the extended abstracts of the invited lectures presented by Richard Karp (University of California at Berkeley, USA), Giuseppe Italiano (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, Italy), and Christos Kaklamanis (University of Patras, Greece).

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