

Preface

These are the proceedings of ECSQARU 2001, the Sixth European Conference on Symbolic and Quantitative Approaches to Reasoning with Uncertainty held in Toulouse, France, on September 19-21, 2001. The series started ten years ago in Marseilles, host of ECSQARU 1991, and went to Granada (ECSQARU 1993), Fribourg (ECSQARU 1995), Bad Honnef (ECSQARU/FAPR 1997), and London (ECSQARU 1999).

In addition to the contributed papers (selected from over a hundred submissions from 23 countries), the scientific program of ECSQARU 2001 included three invited talks: H. Geffner, F. V. Jensen, and T. Schaub. We would like to thank Patrice Perny and Alexis Tsioukias for organizing a special session on decision, and Rui Da Silva Neves for organizing a session on studies about uncertainty from the point of view of psychology. All papers in these two sessions have gone through the regular reviewing process and are included in this volume.

Moreover, three workshops were held prior to the conference itself: “Management of uncertainty and imprecision in multimedia information systems” (Mohand Boughanem, Fabio Crestani, Gabriella Pasi), “Spatio-temporal reasoning and geographic information systems” (Robert Jeansoulin, Odile Papini), and “Adventures in argumentation” (Anthony Hunter, Simon Parsons). Also, ECSQARU 2001 was co-located with ESI 2001, the Euro Summer Institute on Decision Analysis and Artificial Intelligence.

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