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Preface

The present volume contains the contributions delivered at the 5th International Workshop on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (WILF 2003), hosted by the Istituto Italiano Studi Filosofici, Palazzo Serra di Cassano, Naples (Italy) and held on October 9-11, 2003.

The volume includes the more recent achievements in the domain of theoretical, experimental and applied fuzzy logic and related techniques. To emphasize the particular connotation of the modern applications of fuzzy logic, special attention has been devoted to the recent trend of integrating and complementing fuzzy logic with rough set theory, neural networks, genetic algorithms and other formal theories and methodologies in order to define flexible and "intelligent" systems, based on the so-called paradigm of soft computing. The capabiblity of these techniques to incorporate imprecision and incomplete information, and to model complex systems, makes them useful tools in many scientific areas.

Among these areas, WILF 2003 dedicated a Special Session on "Soft Computing in Image Processing." Image processing has been a major topic in many areas of research and development, particularly in computer vision and pattern recognition. The majority of the methods were based on probabilistic paradigms, such as the well-known Bayesian paradigm and evidence-based decision-making systems, and just recently soft-computing techniques have gained a relevant role in the leading techniques to tackle image-processing problems. The special session was organized in cooperation with the SCIP group (http://fuzzy.rug.ac.be/SCIP).

The volume consists of peer-reviewed papers, selected out of more than 50 papers submitted to the workshop and given as oral contributions at the workshop. The conference also included three presentations from keynote speakers, Isabelle Bloch from ENST, France, Antonio Di Nola from the University of Salerno, Italy, and Sankar Pal from the Indian Statistical Institute, India.

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