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Preface

This volume contains revised versions of the papers submitted to the workshop by the participants and accepted by the program committee after a thorough reviewing process. The collection of papers included in the proceedings covers not only various expanding applications of computer algebra to scientific computing but also the computer algebra systems themselves and the CA algorithms.

The eight earlier CASC conferences, CASC 1998, CASC 1999, CASC 2000, CASC 2001, CASC 2002, CASC 2003, CASC 2004, and CASC 2005 were held, respectively, in St. Petersburg, Russia, in Munich, Germany, in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in Konstanz, Germany, in Crimea, Ukraine, in Passau, Germany, in St. Petersburg, Russia, and in Kalamata, Greece, and they proved to be successful.

It was E.A. Grebenikow (Computing Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow) who drew our attention to the group of mathematicians and computer scientists at the Academy of Sciences of Moldova conducting research in the field of computer algebra. We were impressed that this group not only is concerned with applications of CA methods to problems of scientific computing but also carries out research on the fundamental principles underlying the current computer algebra systems themselves, see also their papers in the present proceedings volume. It was therefore decided to organize the 9th workshop on Computer Algebra in Scientific Computing, CASC 2006, in Chișinău, the capital of Moldova. We hope that this will foster new and closer interactions between the Moldova CA group and other research groups working in the field of computer algebra.

The papers collected in the present volume are devoted both to the topics that have already become traditional for the CASC workshops, and to several new topics. Among the traditional topics, there are the studies in Gröbner bases, polynomial algebra, homological algebra, quantifier elimination, the applications of computer algebra systems in the field of the solution of differential equations, celestial mechanics, Newton polyhedra, mathematical physics, nuclear physics, and fluid dynamics.

Two papers present the results in a new topic, which was addressed for the first time during the CASC 2005 workshop: the application of computer algebra techniques in the field of nanosciences and nanotechnology. Another novel theme is the application of CA methods to cellular automata with symmetrical local rules.

In addition to the accepted submissions, this volume also includes two invited papers. The paper by T. Sturm (University of Passau) addresses various aspects of the computer-algebra-based computer logic system REDLOG, which focuses on real quantifier elimination algorithms. An immense potential of quantifier elimination techniques for the integers is pointed out. Another new REDLOG domain is queues over arbitrary basic domains. Both have promising applications in practical computer science, viz. automatic loop parallelization and software security.

The invited talk by S.M. Watt (University of Western Ontario) is devoted to algorithms for symbolic polynomials where the exponents are not known in advance, such as $x^{2n} - 1$. The case is considered where multivariate polynomials can have exponents which are themselves integer-valued multivariate polynomials, and algorithms are presented to compute their GCD and factorization. Additionally, the case of symbolic exponents on rational coefficients (e.g., $4^{n^2+n} - 81$) is treated, and it is shown how to avoid integer factorization.

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