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Preface

Euro-Par – the European Conference on Parallel Computing – is an international conference series dedicated to the promotion and advancement of all aspects of parallel computing. The major themes can be divided into the broad categories of hardware, software, algorithms, and applications for parallel computing. The objective of Euro-Par is to provide a forum within which to promote the development of parallel computing both as an industrial technique and an academic discipline, extending the frontiers of both the state of the art and the state of the practice. This is particularly important at a time when parallel computing is undergoing strong and sustained development and experiencing real industrial take up. The main audience for and participants in Euro-Par are seen as researchers in academic departments, government laboratories, and industrial organisations. Euro-Par aims to become the primary choice of such professionals for the presentation of new results in their specific areas. Euro-Par is also interested in applications that demonstrate the effectiveness of the main Euro-Par themes.

Euro-Par has its own Internet domain with a permanent web site where the history of the conference series is described: <http://www.euro-par.org>. The Euro-Par conference series is sponsored by the Association of Computer Machinery and the International Federation of Information Processing.

Euro-Par 2001

Euro-Par 2001 was organised by the University of Manchester and UMIST. Manchester has a long tradition in computing and currently hosts CSAR (Computer Services for Academic Research), a high performance computing service run on behalf of the UK Research Councils by a consortium of SGI, CSC, and the University of Manchester, offering access to world-class high-performance computing facilities.

The format of Euro-Par 2001 follows that of the previous five editions of the conference and consists of a number of topics each individually monitored by a committee of four members. There were originally 20 topics for this year's conference one of which was included for the first time: Parallel and Distributed Embedded Systems. The call for papers attracted 207 submissions of which 108 were accepted. Of the papers accepted, 69 were presented as regular and 39 as research notes. There were 830 reviews collected, an average of 4.01 reviews per paper. Submissions were received from 38 countries (based on the corresponding author's country), 25 of which were represented at the conference. The principal contributors by country were Spain and the UK with 29 submissions each, USA with 26, France with 21 and Germany with 20.

The programme of Euro-Par 2001 also featured invited talks from Jack Dongarra, Ian Foster, Dennis Gannon, Tony Hey, Martin Kersten, and Thomas Sterling. The conference's web site is <http://europar.man.ac.uk/>.

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