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Preface

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at CEEMAS 2001. The workshop was the fourth in a series of international conferences devoted to autonomous agents and multi-agent systems organized in Central-Eastern Europe. Its predecessors were CEEMAS'99 and DAIMAS'97, which took place in St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as DIMAS'95, which took place in Cracow, Poland.

Organizers of all these events made efforts to make them wide-open to participants from all over the world. This would have been impossible without some help from friendly centers in the Czech Republic, England, France, Japan, and The Netherlands.

DIMAS'95 featured papers from 15 countries, while CEEMAS'99 from 18 countries. A total of 61 papers were submitted to CEEMAS 2001 from 17 countries. Out of these papers, 31 were selected for regular presentation, while 14 were qualified as posters.

The motto of the meeting was "Diversity is the core of multi-agent systems". This variety of subjects was clearly visible in the CEEMAS 2001 program, addressing the following major areas of multi-agent systems:

- Organizations and social aspects of multi-agent systems
- Agent and multi-agent system architectures, models, and formalisms
- Communication languages, protocols, and negotiation
- Applications of multi-agent systems
- Agent and multi-agent development tools
- Theoretical foundations of Distributed AI
- Learning in multi-agent systems

The richness of workshop subjects was ensured thanks to the CEEMAS 2001 contributing authors as well as the keynote speakers. We would like to thank Jeffrey Bradshaw (University of West Florida, USA), Toru Ishida (Kyoto University, Japan), Nick Jennings (University of Southampton, UK), Andrzej Skowron (Warsaw University, Poland), and Krzysztof Zieliński (University of Mining and Metallurgy, Poland) for presenting invited talks announcing the most recent trends in multi-agent technology.

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