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Preface

Welcome to the proceedings of the 14th Asia Information Retrieval Societies conference (AIRS 2018)! AIRS is the premier Asian regional conference in the broad area of information retrieval (IR). Following the successes of IROL 1996 (International Workshop on IR with Oriental Languages), and IRAL (International Workshop on IR with Asian Languages, 1997–2003), the first AIRS (Asia IR *Symposium*) was held in 2004 in Beijing. In 2010, the first Asia Information Retrieval Societies Conference (AIRS 2010) was held in Taipei. And after eight years, we returned to Taipei!

The acceptance rates for AIRS 2018 were 34% (8/24) for full papers and 53% (9/17) for short/demo papers. Each paper was reviewed by three Program Committee (PC) members and the final decisions were made by the PC chairs (for full papers) and the short-paper PC chairs (for short and demo papers). Given the limited number of accepted papers, this year we decided to have more flexible page limits for camera-ready papers compared with previous years: 12 pages plus references for full papers, and 6 pages plus references for short/demo papers. The best paper (for full papers only) was selected by the PC chairs and the short-paper PC chairs by considering the review scores.

The AIRS 2018 proceedings also includes three short papers from AIRS 2017 that were inadvertently excluded from the AIRS 2017 proceedings published last year.

We would like to thank our PC members, general chair, publication chair, local chairs, and the AIRS Steering Committee for helping us compile an exciting conference program. Enjoy!

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