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## Preface

These are the proceedings of WAIFI 2018, the 7th International Workshop on the Arithmetic of Finite Fields, held in Bergen, Norway, during June 14–16, 2016. The six previous editions of this workshop were held in Madrid, Spain (WAIFI 2007), Siena, Italy (WAIFI 2008), Istanbul, Turkey (WAIFI 2010), Bochum, Germany (WAIFI 2012), Gebze, Turkey (WAIFI 2014), and Ghent, Belgium (WAIFI 2016). Springer has published all previous volumes of the WAIFI proceedings in the LNCS series. Since 2008, WAIFI has been held every even year, bringing together mathematicians, computer scientists, engineers, and physicists who conduct research in different areas of finite field arithmetic.

The program consisted of six invited talks and 14 contributed papers. The invited speakers were Simon Blackburn (Royal Holloway University of London, UK), Anwar Hasan (University of Waterloo, Canada), Daniel Panario (Carleton University, Canada), Daniel Katz (California State University, USA), Ferruh Özbudak (Middle East Technical University, Turkey), and Benjamin Smith (Inria, France). The papers supporting the three last invited talks were also included in the proceedings. The contributed talks were selected from 26 submissions, each of which was assigned to at least three committee members or external reviewers chosen by the members. Additionally, the Program Committee had a significant online discussion phase for several days. Two of the papers were selected for the best paper award: “On Symmetry and Differential Properties of Generalized Boolean Functions” by Thor Martinsen, Wilfried Medil, Alexander Pott, Pantelimon Stanica, and “A New Family of Pairing-Friendly Elliptic Curves” by Michael Scott and Aurore Guillevic.

We are very grateful to the members of the Program Committee for their dedication, professionalism, and careful work with the review and selection process. We also sincerely thank the external reviewers who contributed with their special expertise to review papers for this workshop. We deeply thank the general co-chairs, Lilya Budaghyan and Tor Helleseth, for their support of the Program Committee and their hard work in leading the overall organization of the workshop helped by the Organizing Committee. We would also like to sincerely thank members of the Steering Committee of the workshop series for their constant support and encouragement in our efforts to create a stimulating scientific program leading to this volume. Furthermore, we are very grateful to José Luis Imaña for his valuable help in publicity and for diligently maintaining the workshop website. As with the previous volumes, Springer agreed to publish the revised and expanded versions of the WAIFI 2016 papers as an LNCS volume. We thank Alfred Hoffman from Springer for making this possible. We would like to acknowledge that the submission and selection of papers were done using the EasyChair conference management system. We would also like to thank Bergen Research Foundation for sponsoring the workshop. Finally, but most importantly, we deeply thank all the authors who submitted their papers to the workshop and the participants from all over the world who chose to honor us with their attendance.

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