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Preface

Research on agents and multi-agent systems has matured during the past decade and many effective applications of this technology are now deployed. An international forum to present and discuss the latest scientific developments and their effective applications, to assess the impact of the approach, and to facilitate technology transfer, became a necessity and was created almost two decades ago.

PAAMS, the International Conference on Practical Applications of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, is the international yearly forum in which to present, to discuss, and to disseminate the latest developments and the most important outcomes related to real-world applications. It provides a unique opportunity to bring multi-disciplinary experts, academics, and practitioners together to exchange their experience in the development and deployment of agents and multi-agent systems.

This volume presents the papers that were accepted for the 2018 edition of PAAMS. These articles report on the application and validation of agent-based models, methods, and technologies in a number of key application areas, including: energy and security, engineering and tools, evaluation and ethics, negotiation and organizations, personalization and learning, simulation applications, simulation platforms, social networks and humans. Each paper submitted to PAAMS went through a stringent peer review by three members of the Program Committee composed of 121 internationally renowned researchers from 26 countries. From the 64 submissions received, ten were selected for full presentation at the conference; another ten papers were accepted as short presentations. In addition, a demonstration track featuring innovative and emergent applications of agent and multi-agent systems and technologies in real-world domains was organized. In all, 21 demonstrations were shown, and this volume contains a description of each of them.

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