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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Advances in Information Systems (ADVIS) held in Izmir, Turkey, 20–22 October, 2004. This was the third conference dedicated to the memory of Prof. Esen Ozkarahan. We are very proud to continue this tradition and keep the memory of this outstanding scientist.

The third conference covered many of the topics of the second one: databases and data warehouses, information systems development and management, information retrieval, distributed and parallel data processing, and evolutionary algorithms. Besides them some of the hot topics related to information systems were included in the scope of this conference, such as data mining and knowledge discovery, Web information systems development, information privacy and security, multimedia information systems, and network management.

This year we received 203 submissions from which the Program Committee selected 61 papers for presentation at the conference.

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