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#### **Preface**

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at IPCO XII, the 12th Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, held June 25–27, 2007, in Ithaca, New York, USA. Since its inception in 1990, the IPCO conference series has become an important forum for researchers and practitioners working on various aspects of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. The aim of the conference is to present recent developments in theory, computation, and applications in these areas.

IPCO is sponsored by the Mathematical Programming Society, and is held in those years in which no International Symposium on Mathematical Programming takes place. The previous Symposium was held in 2006 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the previous two IPCOs were held in 2004 and 2005 in New York, USA and Berlin, Germany, respectively.

There were over 120 submissions to the conference. During its meeting in early January of 2007, the Program Committee carefully selected 36 papers for presentation in non-parallel sessions at the conference. Because of the limited number of time slots for presentations, many excellent submissions could not be accepted.

During the selection process, the extended abstracts were referred according to the standards of referred conferences. As a result, this volume contains papers describing high-quality research efforts. The page limit for contributions to these proceedings was set to 15. We expect full versions of these papers to appear in scientific journals in the near future.

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