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Preface





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ICDM 2007 was the seventh event in the Industrial Conference on Data Mining series and was held in Leipzig (www.data-mining-forum.de).

For this edition the Program Committee received 96 submissions from 24 countries (see Fig. 1).

After the peer-review process, we accepted 25 high-quality papers for oral presentation that are included in this proceedings book. The topics range from aspects of classification and prediction, clustering, Web mining, data mining in medicine, applications of data mining, time series and frequent pattern mining, and association rule mining.

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Fig. 1. Distribution of papers among countries

Twelve papers were selected for poster presentations that are published in the ICDM Poster Proceedings Volume.

In conjunction with ICDM two workshops were run on special hot applicationoriented topics in data mining. The workshop Data Mining in Life Science DMLS 2007 was held the second time this year and the workshop Data Mining in Marketing DMM 2007 was held for first time this year. Right after ICDM, the International Conference on Machine Learning and Data Mining, MLDM 2007, was held in Leipzig (www.mldm.de)

The invited talk was given by Prof. Richter, titled "Case-Based Reasoning and the Search for Knowledge." The talk illustrated that case-based reasoning on the lower, i.e., more personal levels is quite useful, in particular in comparison with traditional information-retrieval methods.

We saw an increasing number of industrial participants at our conference in the special sessions that covered topics that are important for industry. An invited talk was given by Andrea Ahlemeyer on the topic of "How to Combine Data Mining and Market-Research Technologies?." A discussion forum that described and discussed the occupational image of the data miner was given by Prof. Gentsch from the Business Intelligence Group Inc. Special talks were given by industry staff in a marketing workshop that described the special problems of different industries.

We are pleased to announce that we gave out the best paper award for ICDM for a second time this year.

We also established an MLDM/ICDM/MDA Conference Summary Volume first the time this year, which summarizes the vision of the three conferences and the paper presentations and also provides a "Who is Who" in machine learning and data mining by giving each author the chance to present himself.

We thank members of the Institute of Applied Computer Sciences, Leipzig, Germany (www.ibai-institut.de) who handled the conference as secretariat. We appreciate the help and understanding of the editorial staff at Springer, and in particular Alfred Hofmann, who supported the publication of these proceedings in the LNAI series.

Last, but not least, we wish to thank all the speakers and participants who contributed to the success of the conference.

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