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Preface

The second international conference on Knowledge Science, Engineering and Management (KSEM2007) was held in picturesque Melbourne, Australia, during November 28–30 2007, and hosted by Deakin University.

The aim of this interdisciplinary conference is to provide a forum for researchers in the broad areas of knowledge science, knowledge engineering and knowledge management to exchange ideas and to report state-of-the-art research results. Recent years have seen the growing importance of the synergism of knowledge science, engineering and management to provide stronger support for complex problem solving and decision making. KSEM aims at bridging the three areas and promoting their synergism.

KSEM2007 attracted 124 submissions from 21 countries/regions around the world. All submitted papers were reviewed by at least two PC members or external reviewers. The review process was very selective. From the 124 submissions, 42 (33.8%) were accepted as regular papers, and another 28 (22.6%) as short papers. Authors of accepted papers came from 16 countries/regions. This volume of the proceedings contains the abstracts of five invited talks, two of them with extended versions, and all the regular and short papers. The regular papers were categorized into three broad sections, that is, knowledge science, knowledge engineering, and knowledge management.

The technical program featured five invited talks, one panel discussion, and all the accepted papers. The five distinguished invited speakers were John Debenham, Andreas Dengel, Lakhmi Jain, WB Lee, and Ling Zhang.

The success of KSEM2007 was assured by team effort from the sponsors, organizers, reviewers, and participants. We would like to thank the three Area Chairs, Zhi Jin, David Bell, and Eric Tsui, for coordinating and monitoring the whole paper review process. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the individual Program Committee members and thank the external reviewers. Thanks to Publicity Chair Dongmo Zhang, and Organizing Co-chairs Shang Gao and Shui Yu for their great efforts. Thanks also go to Robert Ruge for maintaining the conference management system. Special thanks to Ruqian Lu, Kate Smith-Miles, and Chengqi Zhang for their valuable advice and suggestions. Our sincere gratitude goes to the participants and all authors of the submitted papers.

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