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# Preface

PRIMA 2008 was the 11th in a series of conferences gathering researchers devoted to developing intelligent agents and multi-agent technologies from Asia and the Pacific regions. From its first incarnation over a decade ago, PRIMA has emerged as a significant international forum, facilitating the exchange and dissemination of innovative research from around the globe.

PRIMA 2008 was held in Vietnam, a tribute to this country's emerging scientific vitality and importance as a developing innovation center. The Program Committee received 56 submissions from 20 countries. Many of these papers are the work of PhD or Masters students from Asian countries including Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Iran, India, and Vietnam. In accordance with the rules, each submission was carefully peer-reviewed by three Program Committee referees. Only 19 submissions were accepted as regular papers, with a competitive rate of 33%.

Additionally, the Program Committee decided to accept 22 short papers mainly written by graduate students, allowing our young colleagues an opportunity to present their work and new perspectives. These fresh perspectives enhanced our experienced of the conference and complemented the high quality of the professional papers submitted.

The array of subjects and applications explored in this year's submissions clearly demonstrate that agent technologies are now mature enough to cope with hardcore, real-world problems in a variety of domains: from pure research to applied industrial processes. As this technology matures, the potential number of real-world applications for intelligent agents and multi-agent technologies is rising dramatically. Accordingly, the number of theoretical references is also widening: foundations of multi-agent systems are now being built using game theory, mathematics, logic, software engineering, distributed systems, planning, etc. The diversity and candor of the papers selected for this edition of PRIMA are a direct reflection of the dynamic vigor of current research activity in Asia and the Pacific regions.

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