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Preface

Since 1993 the conference Developments in Language Theory (DLT) has been held in Europe every odd year and, since 2002, outside Europe every even year. The 13th conference in this series was DLT 2009. It took place in Stuttgart from June 30 to July 3. Previous meetings occurred in Turku (1993), Magdeburg (1995), Thessaloniki (1997), Aachen (1999), Vienna (2001), Kyoto (2002), Szeged (2003), Auckland (2004), Palermo (2005), Santa Barbara (2006), Turku (2007), and Kyoto (2008).

The DLT conference has developed into the main forum for language theory and related topics. This has also been reflected in the high quality of the 70 submissions received in 2009. Most submissions were reviewed by four Programme Committee members and their sub-referees. The Programme Committee selected the best 35 papers for presentation during the conference. These 35 papers are also published in this proceedings volume. Members of the Programme Committee were not allowed to submit papers. The work of the Programme Committee was organized using the EasyChair conference system, thanks to Andrei Voronkov.

The conference programme included five invited lectures. They were given by Mikołaj Bojańczyk (Warsaw), Paul Gastin (Cachan), Tero Harju (Turku), Christos Kapoutsis (Nicosia), and Benjamin Steinberg (Ottawa). We are grateful to the invited speakers for accepting the invitation and presenting their lectures and for their contributions to the proceedings.

The Informatik Forum Stuttgart provided a best paper award, which was selected by the Programme Committee. The recipient was:

“Magic Numbers and Ternary Alphabet” by Galina Jiraskova.

The DLT conference was accompanied by the following satellite events:

- Workshop on “Automata and Algorithmic Logic”
- Festkolloquium on the occasion of the “65th birthday of Volker Claus”

The editors thank the authors of all submitted papers for considering DLT 2009 as an appropriate platform for presenting their work. Moreover, we would like to thank the members of the Programme Committee for their professional work in carefully reading and evaluating the submissions and selecting the best contributions. We also thank all members of the Institute for Formal Methods in Computer Science for their help. In particular, we thank Heike Photien and Horst Prote for their great efforts.

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