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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 7th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS 2009) held in Seoul, Korea, December 14–16, 2009. The symposium was sponsored by the Asian Association for Foundation of Software (AAFS), Research on Software Analysis for Error-free Computing (ROSAEC) Center of Seoul National University, and SIGPL of Korean Institute of Information Scientists and Engineers.

Following our call for papers, 56 full submissions from 18 countries were received. Each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members with the help of external reviewers. The Program Committee meeting was conducted electronically over a period of two weeks in August 2009. As a result of active discussions, 21 papers (37.5%) were selected. I would like to thank all the members of the APLAS 2009 Program Committee for the tremendous effort they put into their reviews and deliberations, and all the external reviewers for their invaluable contributions. The submission and review process was managed using the EasyChair system.

In addition to the 21 contributed papers, the symposium also featured three invited talks by Koen Claessen (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden), Naoki Kobayashi (Tohoku University, Japan), and Armando Solar-Lezama (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA).

Many people helped to promote APLAS as a high-quality forum in Asia to serve program language researchers worldwide. Following a series of well-attended workshops that were held in Shanghai (2002), Daejeon (2001) and Singapore (2000), the past formal APLAS symposiums were successfully held in Bangalore (2008), Singapore (2007), Sydney (2006), Tsukuba (2005), Taipei (2004) and Beijing (2003). Proceedings of the past formal symposiums were published by Springer as LNCS 5356, 4807, 4279, 3780, 3302 and 2895.

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