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Preface

Research on Agents and Multi-Agent Systems has matured during the last decade and many effective applications of this technology are now deployed. The advances in practical applications of Agents and Multi-Agent systems is continuous and it is necessary to provide an international forum to present and discuss the latest scientific developments and their effective applications, to assess the impact of the approach, and to facilitate technology transfer, in this field.

PAAMS, the International Conference on Practical Applications of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems is an international yearly stage to present, to discuss, and to disseminate the latest advances and the most important outcomes related to real-world applications. It provides a unique opportunity to bring multi-disciplinary experts, academics and practitioners together to exchange their experience in the development of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems.

This volume presents the papers that have been accepted for the 2010 edition. These articles capture the most innovative results and this year's advances. Each paper has been reviewed by three different reviewers, from an international committee composed of 82 members from 26 different countries. From the 66 submissions received, 19 were selected for full presentation at the conference, and 14 were accepted as short papers. Moreover, PAAMS'10 incorporated special sessions and workshops to complement the regular program, which included 85 accepted papers.

We would like to thank all the contributing authors, as well as the members of the Program Committee, Auxiliary Reviewers and the Organizing Committee for their hard and highly valuable work. Their work has helped to contribute to the success of the PAAMS 2010 event. Thanks for your help; PAAMS'10 wouldn't exist without your contribution.

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