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Preface

This proceedings volume contains the invited papers and the contributed papers accepted for presentation at the 9th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms (SEA 2010), that was held at the Continental Terme Hotel, Ischia (Naples), Italy, during May 20–22, 2010.

Previous symposia of the series were held in Riga (2001), Monte Verita (2003), Rio de Janeiro (2004), Santorini (2005), Menorca (2006), Rome (2007), Cape Cod (2008), and Dortmund (2009).

Seventy-three papers were submitted by researchers from 19 countries. Each paper was reviewed by three experts among the Program Committee members and some trusted external referees. At least two reviewers were from the same or closely related discipline as the authors. The reviewers generally provided a high-quality assessment of the papers and often gave extensive comments to the authors for the possible improvement of the presentation. The submission and review process was supported by the ConfTool conference management software and we are thankful to Harald Weinreich for letting us use it.

The Program Committee selected 40 regular papers for presentation at the conference. In addition to the 40 contributed papers, this volume includes two invited papers related to corresponding keynote talks: Giuseppe F. Italiano (University of Rome “Tor Vergata,” Italy) spoke on “Experimental Study of Resilient Algorithms and Data Structures” and Panos M. Pardalos (University of Florida, USA) spoke on “Computational Challenges with Cliques, Quasi-Cliques and Clique Partitions in Graphs.”

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We would like to thank all of the authors who responded to the call for papers submitting their scientific work. We express our sincere thanks to the invited speakers for their contributions to the program.

Our most sincere thanks go to the Program Committee members and the additional reviewers whose cooperation in carrying out quality reviews was critical for establishing a strong conference program.

We also sincerely thank Daniele Ferone for maintaining the symposium website (<http://www.sea2010.unina.it/>) and for his help in the organizing process.

I thank the SEA Steering Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Program Chair and the responsibility to select the conference program. I am personally grateful to Jose Rolim, Giuseppe F. Italiano, Andrea Lodi, and

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