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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. 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, has become a necessity.

PAAMS, the International Conference on Practical Applications of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems is the international yearly tribune to present, to discuss, and to disseminate the latest developments 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 and deployment of agents and multi-agent systems.

This volume presents the papers that have been accepted for the 2012 edition of PAAMS. These articles report on the application and validation of agent-based models, methods, and technologies in a number of key application areas, including: Traffic, Transport and Logistics; E-Commerce, Knowledge Management, and Finance; Robotics and Sensory Networks; Energy and Environment; Social Systems; Trust and Security; and Manufacturing and Embedded Systems. Each paper submitted to PAAMS went through a stringent peer review by three members of the international committee composed of 94 internationally renowned researchers from 23 countries. From the 75 submissions received, 12 were selected for full presentation at the conference; another 11 papers were accepted as short presentations. A novelty at the 2012 edition of PAAMS has been the inclusion of a demonstration session featuring innovative and emergent applications of agent and multi-agent systems and technologies in real-world domains. 16 demonstrations were shown, and this volume contains a description of each of them.

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