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Preface

This volume contains the papers accepted for presentation at MATES 2012, the 10th German Conference on Multiagent System Technologies, held on October 10–12, 2012 in Trier, Germany. Over the past decade, the MATES conference series has established itself as a growing and important forum for researchers, users (members of business and industry), and developers of intelligent agents and multi-agent systems, in Germany and beyond. Current challenges in society require intelligent technologies like agents and multi-agent systems to enable companies and organizations to be more resilient, inter-connected, and collaborative. Hence, the conference investigates technologies for truly open distributed systems covering a wide spectrum of approaches from self-organization and autonomous systems to agreement computing.

This year's MATES conference celebrates two anniversaries: the 10th anniversary of MATES and the 20th anniversary of the German special interest group on Distributed Artificial Intelligence. MATES 2012 was organized by the German special interest group on Distributed Artificial Intelligence (Gesellschaft für Informatik e.V. Fachgruppe Verteilte Künstliche Intelligenz) together with the steering committee of MATES to promote theory and application of agents and multi-agent systems.

MATES 2012 received 39 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by at least three program committee members, who provided reviews to the authors and recommendations to the MATES chairs. Based on these recommendations, MATES decided to accept 7 full papers (18% acceptance rate), and also one invited paper. We also decided to include 6 short papers outlining preliminary work with promising future directions. We were pleased to host two prominent invited speakers in the agent community: Dr. Jeffrey Bradshaw (Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, USA), and Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirn (University of Hohenheim, Germany). Both presented work on the advances of agent system technologies.

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