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Preface

This volume contains papers selected for presentation at the 31st Annual Conference on Current Trends in Theory and Practice of Informatics – SOFSEM 2005, held on January 22–28, 2005 in Liptovský Ján, Slovakia.

The series of SOFSEM conferences, organized alternately in the Czech Republic and Slovakia since 1974, has a well-established tradition. The SOFSEM conferences were originally intended to break the Iron Curtain in scientific exchange. After the velvet revolution SOFSEM changed to a regular broad-scope international conference. Nowadays, SOFSEM is focused each year on selected aspects of informatics. This year the conference was organized into four tracks, each of them complemented by two invited talks:

- Foundations of Computer Science (Track Chair: Bernadette Charron-Bost)
- Modeling and Searching Data in the Web-Era (Track Chair: Peter Vojtáš)
- Software Engineering (Track Chair: Mária Bieliková)
- Graph Drawing (Track Chair: Ondrej Sýkora)

The aim of SOFSEM 2005 was, as always, to promote cooperation among professionals from academia and industry working in various areas of informatics. Each track was complemented by two invited talks.

The SOFSEM 2005 Program Committee members coming from 13 countries evaluated 144 submissions (128 contributed papers and 16 student research forum papers). After a careful review process (counting at least 3 reviews per paper), followed by detailed discussions in the PC, and a co-chairs meeting held on October 8, 2005 in Bratislava, Slovakia, 44 papers (overall acceptance rate 34.38%) were selected for presentation at SOFSEM 2005: 28 full contributed papers (acceptance rate 21.88%) and 16 short contributed papers selected by the SOFSEM 2005 PC for publication in the Springer LNCS proceedings volume.

An integral part of SOFSEM is the Student Research Forum. The forum offers the opportunity to publish, present and discuss student projects, to receive feedback on both the original results of scientific work as well as on work in progress. The Program Committee selected 7 papers for publication (from 16 submitted) for presentation at the Student Research Forum session. The best student paper by Martin Senft was selected and included in these proceedings.

We would like to thank all Program Committee members for their meritorious work in evaluating the submitted papers, as well as numerous additional referees who assisted the Program Committee members.

As editors of these proceedings, we are much indebted to all the contributors to the scientific program of the symposium, especially to the authors of the papers. Special thanks go to those authors who prepared the manuscripts according to the instructions and made life easier for us. We would also like to thank those who responded promptly to our requests for minor modifications

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