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Preface

This volume of Lecture Notes in Computer Science contains the revised versions of the papers presented at the 9th International Conference on Implementation and Application of Automata, CIAA 2004. Also included are the extended abstracts of the posters accepted to the conference.

The conference was held at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada on July 22–24, 2004. As for its predecessors, the theme of CIAA 2004 was the implementation of automata and grammars of all types and their application in other fields. The topics of the papers presented at the conference range from applications of automata in natural language and speech processing to protein sequencing and gene compression, and from state complexity and new algorithms for automata operations to applications of quantum finite automata.

The 25 regular papers and 14 poster papers were selected from 62 submissions to the conference. Each submitted paper was evaluated by at least three Program Committee members, with the help of external referees. Based on the referee reports, the paper "Substitutions, Trajectories and Noisy Channels" by L. Kari, S. Konstantinidis and P. Sosík was chosen as the winner of the CIAA 2004 Best Paper Award. The award is sponsored by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The authors of the papers presented here come from the following countries and regions: Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, UK, and USA.

It is a pleasure for the editors to thank the members of the Program Committee and the external referees for reviewing the papers and maintaining the high standard of the CIAA conferences. We are grateful to all the contributors to the conference, in particular to the invited speakers, for making CIAA 2004 a scientific success.

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