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Preface

This volume contains selected papers from WADT 2004, the 17th International Workshop on Algebraic Development Techniques. Like its predecessors, WADT 2004 focussed on the algebraic approach to the specification and development of systems, an area that was born around the algebraic specification of abstract data types and encompasses today the formal design of software systems, new specification frameworks and a wide range of application areas.

WADT 2004 took place at the Technical University of Catalonia (UPC), Barcelona, Spain, on 27–29 March 2004, and was organized by Fernando Orejas and Jordi Cortadella.

The program consisted of invited talks by Luís Caires (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal) and Reiko Heckel (University of Paderborn, Germany), and 33 presentations describing ongoing research on main topics of the workshop: formal methods for system development, specification languages and methods, systems and techniques for reasoning about specifications, specification development systems, methods and techniques for concurrent, distributed and mobile systems, and algebraic and co-algebraic foundations.

The Steering Committee of WADT, consisting of Michel Bidoit, José Fiadeiro, Hans-Jöerg Kreowski, Peter Mosses, Fernando Orejas, Francesco Parisi-Presicce, and Andrzej Tarlecki, with the additional help of Christine Choppy and Till Mossakowski, selected several presentations and invited their authors to submit a full paper for possible inclusion in this volume. All submissions underwent a careful refereeing process. We are extremely grateful to all the referees who helped in reviewing the submissions: H. Baumeister, L. Caires, A. Cherchago, R. Heckel, R. Hennicker, F. Jacquemard, R. Klempien-Hinrichs, C. Lüth, S. Merz, W. Pawlowski, and L. Schröder.

This volume contains the final versions of the 14 contributions that were accepted. It contains also the invited paper of Reiko Heckel, co-authored with Sebastian Thöne.

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Finally, we would like to announce that, starting in 2005, WADT will join forces and reputations with CMCS, the International Workshop on Coalgebraic Methods in Computer Science, to create a new high-level biennial international event: CALCO, the Conference on Algebra and Coalgebra in Computer Science.

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