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Preface

The Brazilian Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (SBIA) was first conceived as a gathering of Brazilian researchers, students and practitioners of AI. At the X SBIA, the Brazilian AI community realized it was mature enough to collaborate and compete with the international community. The XI SBIA adopted English as the official language, announced the conference in international forums and invited leading names of the AI community as members of the program committee.

At this XII SBIA we hope to be moving forward in the direction of making SBIA an important and truly international conference by: 1) expanding the number of international members of the program committee; 2) adopting reviewing procedures used in the best AI conferences, such as blind reviewing and discussion among reviewers; and 3) publishing the proceedings through a well known and respected publishing house.

We received 57 papers, 30 of them from abroad, distributed as follows: Portugal 8, France 6, Argentina 5, US 3, Canada 2, UK 2, and Spain, Germany, The Netherlands and India 1 each.

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