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Preface

After 16 years, the biannual Brazilian Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (SBIA) returned to Curitiba, Paraná, which also hosted its 13th edition in 1996.

Already in its 21st edition, SBIA has been consolidated as the central event on artificial intelligence (AI) in Brazil and an important international forum for discussion of new ideas and current projects for researchers, students, and practitioners in all areas of AI. This edition was held jointly with sister events SBRN, ENIA, and CTDIA under the umbrella of the Brazilian Conference of Intelligent Systems (BRACIS 2012).

These proceedings contain the 23 full papers selected for publication and oral presentation at SBIA 2012. There were 81 papers submitted from nine countries. The papers cover the following areas of AI with the corresponding number of accepted contributions:

- Knowledge representation: 5
- Machine learning: 7
- Machine learning and computer vision: 2
- Agent-based and multi-agent systems: 4
- Robotics and languages: 3
- Constraints: 2

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