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Preface

This proceedings volume contains the accepted papers and invited talks presented at the 4th International Workshop of Efficient and Experimental Algorithms (WEA 2005), that was held May 10–13, on Santorini Island, Greece.

The WEA events are intended to be an international forum for research on the design, analysis and especially the experimental implementation, evaluation and engineering of algorithms, as well as on combinatorial optimization and its applications.

The first three workshops in this series were held in Riga (2001), Monte Verita (2003) and Rio de Janeiro (2004).

This volume contains 3 invited papers related to corresponding keynote talks: by Prof. Christos Papadimitriou (University of California at Berkeley, USA), Prof. David Bader (University of New Mexico, USA) and Prof. Celso Ribeiro (University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

This proceedings includes 54 papers (47 regular and 7 short), selected out of a record number of 176 submissions. Each paper was reviewed by at least 2 Program Committee members, while many papers got 3 or 4 reviews. A total number of 419 reviews were solicited, with the help of trusted external referees.

In addition to the 54 papers included in this volume, 6 papers were accepted as poster presentations: these papers were published in a separate poster proceedings volume by CTI Press and a major publisher in Greece, "Ellinika Grammata." The presentation of these posters at the event was expected to create a fruitful discussion on interesting ideas.

The 60 papers accepted to WEA 2005 demonstrate the international character of the event: 33 authors are based in Germany, 20 in the USA, 13 in Italy, 12 in Greece, 9 each in Switzerland, France and Brazil, 6 each in Canada, Poland and Belgium, 5 in the Netherlands, to list just the countries with the largest participations.

Selected papers of WEA 2005 will be considered for a Special Issue of the ACM Journal on Experimental Algorithmics (JEA, http://www.jea.acm.org/) dedicated to the event.

We would like to thank all authors who submitted papers to WEA 2005. We especially thank the distinguished invited speakers (whose participation honors the event a lot), and the members of the Program Committee, as well as the external referees and the Organizing Committee members.

We would like to thank the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs of Greece for its financial support of the event. Also, we gratefully acknowledge the support from the Research Academic Computer Technology Institute (RACTI, Greece, http://www.cti.gr), and the European Union (EU) IST/FET (Future and Emerging Technologies) R&D projects FLAGS (Foundational As-

pects of Global Computing Systems) and DELIS (Dynamically Evolving, Large-Scale Information Systems).

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I am grateful to the WEA Steering Committee Chairs Prof. Jose Rolim and Prof. Klaus Jansen for their trust and support.

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