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Guest Editor’s foreword

This special issue of *computational complexity* contains archival versions of three papers that appeared in preliminary form in the proceedings of the 19th Annual IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity (CCC 2004), held on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA, June 21–24, 2004. The program committee of the conference, chaired by Russell Impagliazzo, selected some of the conference papers for inclusion in special issues of *computational complexity*, to represent the high quality and breadth of research presented at the conference. In addition to the three papers that appear in this issue, three additional papers that were similarly invited have also been accepted and will appear in *computational complexity* in the very near future. All of these papers were refereed according to the journal’s standards.

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