EDITORIAL

The Prague Stringology Conference 2003 (PSC '03) was held at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic, on September 22–24, 2003. The conference focused on stringology and related topics. Stringology is a discipline concerned with algorithmic processing of strings and sequences.

In the years 1996–2000 the Prague Stringology Club Workshops (PSCW's) and the Prague Stringology Conferences in 2001 and 2002 preceded this conference. All events attracted an audience from all over the world.

The papers submitted were reviewed by the programme committee and eleven were selected for presentation at the conference, based on originality and quality. Some of presented papers, after another reviewing process, appear in this special issue.

The Prague Stringology Club was founded in 1996 as a research group at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague. The goal of PSC is to study algorithms on strings and sequences with emphasis on finite automata theory. The first event organized by PSC was the workshop PSCW'96 featuring only a handful invited talks. However, since PSCW '97 the papers and talks are selected by a rigorous peer review process. The objective is not only to present new results in stringology, but also to facilitate personal contacts among the people working on these problems.

I would like to thank all those who had submitted papers for PSC '03 as well as the reviewers. Special thanks goes to all the members of the programme committee, without whose efforts it would not have been possible to put together such a stimulating program of PSC '03.

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