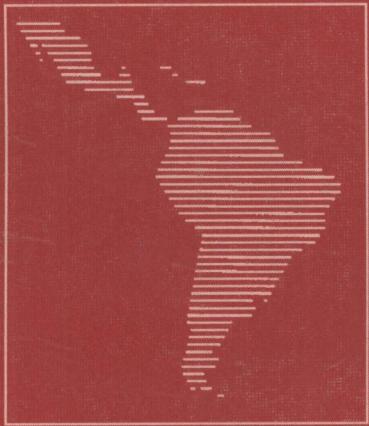


Martin Farach-Colton (Ed.)

LNCS 2976

# LATIN 2004: Theoretical Informatics

6th Latin American Symposium  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 2004  
Proceedings



Springer

TP3-53  
T 396  
2004

Martin Farach-Colton (Ed.)

# LATIN 2004: Theoretical Informatics

6th Latin American Symposium  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 5-8, 2004  
Proceedings



E200401641



Springer

**Series Editors**

Gerhard Goos, Karlsruhe University, Germany  
Juris Hartmanis, Cornell University, NY, USA  
Jan van Leeuwen, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

**Volume Editor**

Martin Farach-Colton  
Rutgers University  
Department of Computer Science, Piscataway, NJ 08855, USA  
E-mail: farach@cs.rutgers.edu

Cataloging-in-Publication Data applied for

A catalog record for this book is available from the Library of Congress.

Bibliographic information published by Die Deutsche Bibliothek  
Die Deutsche Bibliothek lists this publication in the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie;  
detailed bibliographic data is available in the Internet at <<http://dnb.ddb.de>>.

CR Subject Classification (1998): F.2, F.1, E.1, E.3, G.2, G.1, I.3.5, F.3, F.4

ISSN 0302-9743

ISBN 3-540-21258-2 Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg New York

This work is subject to copyright. All rights are reserved, whether the whole or part of the material is concerned, specifically the rights of translation, reprinting, re-use of illustrations, recitation, broadcasting, reproduction on microfilms or in any other way, and storage in data banks. Duplication of this publication or parts thereof is permitted only under the provisions of the German Copyright Law of September 9, 1965, in its current version, and permission for use must always be obtained from Springer-Verlag. Violations are liable for prosecution under the German Copyright Law.

Springer-Verlag is a part of Springer Science+Business Media

[springeronline.com](http://springeronline.com)

© Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2004  
Printed in Germany

Typesetting: Camera-ready by author, data conversion by PTP-Berlin, Protago-TeX-Production GmbH  
Printed on acid-free paper      SPIN: 10989654      06/3142      5 4 3 2 1 0

Lecture Notes in Computer Science  
Edited by G. Goos, J. Hartmanis, and J. van Leeuwen

2976



**Springer**

Berlin

Heidelberg

New York

Hong Kong

London

Milan

Paris

Tokyo

# Lecture Notes in Computer Science

For information about Vols. 1–2854

please contact your bookseller or Springer-Verlag

- Vol. 2992: E. Bertino, S. Christodoulakis, D. Plexousakis, V. Christopoulos, M. Koubarakis, K. Böhm, E. Ferrari (Eds.), *Advances in Database Technology - EDBT 2004*. XVIII, 877 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2983: S. Istrail, M. Waterman, A. Clark (Eds.), *Computational Methods for SNPs and Haplotype Inference*. IX, 153 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNBI).
- Vol. 2982: N. Wakamiya, M. Solarzki, J. Sterbenz (Eds.), *Active Networks*. XI, 308 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2981: C. Müller-Schloer, T. Ungerer, B. Bauer (Eds.), *Organic and Pervasive Computing – ARCS 2004*. XI, 339 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2978: R. Groz, R.M. Hierons (Eds.), *Testing of Communicating Systems*. XII, 225 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2976: M. Farach-Colton (Ed.), *LATIN 2004: Theoretical Informatics*. XV, 626 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2973: Y. Lee, J. Li, K.-Y. Whang, D. Lee (Eds.), *Database Systems for Advanced Applications*. XXIV, 925 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2970: F. Fernández Rivera, M. Bubak, A. Gómez Tato, R. Doallo (Eds.), *Grid Computing*. XI, 328 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2964: T. Okamoto (Ed.), *Topics in Cryptology – CT-RSA 2004*. XI, 387 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2962: S. Bistarelli, *Semirings for Soft Constraint Solving and Programming*. XII, 279 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2961: P. Eklund (Ed.), *Concept Lattices*. IX, 411 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2958: L. Rauchwerger (Ed.), *Languages and Compilers for Parallel Computing*. XI, 556 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2957: P. Langendoerfer, M. Liu, I. Matta, V. Tsaooussidis (Eds.), *Wired/Wireless Internet Communications*. XI, 307 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2954: F. Crestani, M. Dunlop, S. Mizzaro (Eds.), *Mobile and Ubiquitous Information Access*. X, 299 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2953: K. Konrad, *Model Generation for Natural Language Interpretation and Analysis*. XIII, 166 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2952: N. Guelfi, E. Astesiano, G. Reggio (Eds.), *Scientific Engineering of Distributed Java Applications*. X, 157 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2951: M. Naor (Ed.), *Theory of Cryptography*. XI, 523 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2949: R. De Nicola, G. Ferrari, G. Meredith (Eds.), *Coordination Models and Languages*. X, 323 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2947: F. Bao, R. Deng, J. Zhou (Eds.), *Public Key Cryptography – PKC 2004*. XI, 455 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2946: R. Focardi, R. Gorrieri (Eds.), *Foundations of Security Analysis and Design II*. VII, 267 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2943: J. Chen, J. Reif (Eds.), *DNA Computing*. X, 225 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2941: M. Wirsing, A. Knapp, S. Balsamo (Eds.), *Radical Innovations of Software and Systems Engineering in the Future*. X, 359 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2940: C. Lucena, A. Garcia, A. Romanovsky, J. Castro, P.S. Alencar (Eds.), *Software Engineering for Multi-Agent Systems II*. XII, 279 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2939: T. Kalker, I. Cox, Y.M. Ro (Eds.), *Digital Watermarking*. XII, 602 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2937: B. Steffen, G. Levi (Eds.), *Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation*. XI, 325 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2934: G. Lindemann, D. Moldt, M. Paolucci (Eds.), *Regulated Agent-Based Social Systems*. X, 301 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2930: F. Winkler (Ed.), *Automated Deduction in Geometry*. VII, 231 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2926: L. van Elst, V. Dignum, A. Abecker, *Agent-Mediated Knowledge Management*. XI, 428 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2923: V. Lifschitz, I. Niemelä (Eds.), *Logic Programming and Nonmonotonic Reasoning*. IX, 365 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2919: E. Giunchiglia, A. Tacchella (Eds.), *Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing*. XI, 530 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2917: E. Quintarelli, *Model-Checking Based Data Retrieval*. XVI, 134 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2916: C. Palamidessi (Ed.), *Logic Programming*. XII, 520 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2915: A. Camurri, G. Volpe (Eds.), *Gesture-Based Communication in Human-Computer Interaction*. XIII, 558 pages. 2004. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2914: P.K. Pandya, J. Radhakrishnan (Eds.), *FST TCS 2003: Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science*. XIII, 446 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2913: T.M. Pinkston, V.K. Prasanna (Eds.), *High Performance Computing - HiPC 2003*. XX, 512 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2911: T.M.T. Sembok, H.B. Zaman, H. Chen, S.R. Urs, S.H. Myaeng (Eds.), *Digital Libraries: Technology and Management of Indigenous Knowledge for Global Access*. XX, 703 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2910: M.E. Orlowska, S. Weerawarana, M.M.P. Pazoglou, J. Yang (Eds.), *Service-Oriented Computing - ICSOC 2003*. XIV, 576 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2909: K. Jansen, R. Solis-Oba (Eds.), *Approximation and Online Algorithms*. VIII, 269 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2909: R. Solis-Oba, K. Jansen (Eds.), *Approximation and Online Algorithms*. VIII, 269 pages. 2004.

- Vol. 2908: K. Chae, M. Yung (Eds.), *Information Security Applications*. XII, 506 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2907: I. Lirkov, S. Margenov, J. Wasniewski, P. Yalamov (Eds.), *Large-Scale Scientific Computing*. XI, 490 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2906: T. Ibaraki, N. Katoh, H. Ono (Eds.), *Algorithms and Computation*. XVII, 748 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2905: A. Sanfeliu, J. Ruiz-Shulcloper (Eds.), *Progress in Pattern Recognition, Speech and Image Analysis*. XVII, 693 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2904: T. Johansson, S. Maitra (Eds.), *Progress in Cryptology - INDOCRYPT 2003*. XI, 431 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2903: T.D. Gedeon, L.C.C. Fung (Eds.), *AI 2003: Advances in Artificial Intelligence*. XVI, 1075 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2902: F.M. Pires, S.P. Abreu (Eds.), *Progress in Artificial Intelligence*. XV, 504 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2901: F. Bry, N. Henze, J. Ma luszyński (Eds.), *Principles and Practice of Semantic Web Reasoning*. X, 209 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2900: M. Bidoit, P.D. Mosses (Eds.), *Casl User Manual*. XIII, 240 pages. 2004.
- Vol. 2899: G. Ventre, R. Canonico (Eds.), *Interactive Multimedia on Next Generation Networks*. XIV, 420 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2898: K.G. Paterson (Ed.), *Cryptography and Coding*. IX, 385 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2897: O. Balet, G. Subsol, P. Torguet (Eds.), *Virtual Storytelling*. XI, 240 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2896: V.A. Saraswat (Ed.), *Advances in Computing Science – ASIAN 2003*. VIII, 305 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2895: A. Ohori (Ed.), *Programming Languages and Systems*. XIII, 427 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2894: C.S. Laih (Ed.), *Advances in Cryptology - ASIACRYPT 2003*. XIII, 543 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2893: J.-B. Stefani, I. Demeure, D. Hagimont (Eds.), *Distributed Applications and Interoperable Systems*. XIII, 311 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2892: F. Dau, *The Logic System of Concept Graphs with Negation*. XI, 213 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2891: J. Lee, M. Barley (Eds.), *Intelligent Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*. X, 215 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2890: M. Broy, A.V. Zamulin (Eds.), *Perspectives of System Informatics*. XV, 572 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2889: R. Meersman, Z. Tari (Eds.), *On The Move to Meaningful Internet Systems 2003: OTM 2003 Workshops*. XIX, 1071 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2888: R. Meersman, Z. Tari, D.C. Schmidt (Eds.), *On The Move to Meaningful Internet Systems 2003: CoopIS, DOA, and ODBASE*. XXI, 1546 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2887: T. Johansson (Ed.), *Fast Software Encryption*. IX, 397 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2886: I. Nyström, G. Sammiti di Baja, S. Svensson (Eds.), *Discrete Geometry for Computer Imagery*. XII, 556 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2885: J.S. Dong, J. Woodcock (Eds.), *Formal Methods and Software Engineering*. XI, 683 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2884: E. Najm, U. Nestmann, P. Stevens (Eds.), *Formal Methods for Open Object-Based Distributed Systems*. X, 293 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2883: J. Schaeffer, M. Müller, Y. Björnsson (Eds.), *Computers and Games*. XI, 431 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2882: D. Veit, *Matchmaking in Electronic Markets*. XV, 180 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2881: E. Horlait, T. Magedanz, R.H. Glitho (Eds.), *Mobile Agents for Telecommunication Applications*. IX, 297 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2880: H.L. Bodlaender (Ed.), *Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science*. XI, 386 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2879: R.E. Ellis, T.M. Peters (Eds.), *Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention - MICCAI 2003*. XXXIV, 1003 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2878: R.E. Ellis, T.M. Peters (Eds.), *Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention - MICCAI 2003*. XXXIII, 819 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2877: T. Böhme, G. Heyer, H. Unger (Eds.), *Innovative Internet Community Systems*. VIII, 263 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2876: M. Schroeder, G. Wagner (Eds.), *Rules and Rule Markup Languages for the Semantic Web*. VII, 173 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2875: E. Aarts, R. Collier, E.v. Loenen, B.d. Ruyter (Eds.), *Ambient Intelligence*. XI, 432 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2874: C. Priami (Ed.), *Global Computing*. XIX, 255 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2871: N. Zhong, Z.W. Ras, S. Tsumoto, E. Suzuki (Eds.), *Foundations of Intelligent Systems*. XV, 697 pages. 2003. (Subseries LNAI).
- Vol. 2870: D. Fensel, K.P. Sycara, J. Mylopoulos (Eds.), *The Semantic Web - ISWC 2003*. XV, 931 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2869: A. Yazıcı, C. Şener (Eds.), *Computer and Information Sciences - ISCIS 2003*. XIX, 1110 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2868: P. Perner, R. Brause, H.-G. Holzhütter (Eds.), *Medical Data Analysis*. VIII, 127 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2866: J. Akiyama, M. Kano (Eds.), *Discrete and Computational Geometry*. VIII, 285 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2865: S. Pierre, M. Barbeau, E. Kranakis (Eds.), *Ad-Hoc, Mobile, and Wireless Networks*. X, 293 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2864: A.K. Dey, A. Schmidt, J.F. McCarthy (Eds.), *Ubiquitous Computing*. XVII, 368 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2863: P. Stevens, J. Whittle, G. Booch (Eds.), *“UML” 2003 - The Unified Modeling Language*. XIV, 415 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2860: D. Geist, E. Tronci (Eds.), *Correct Hardware Design and Verification Methods*. XII, 426 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2859: B. Apolloni, M. Marinaro, R. Tagliaferri (Eds.), *Neural Nets*. X, 376 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2857: M.A. Nascimento, E.S. de Moura, A.L. Oliveira (Eds.), *String Processing and Information Retrieval*. XI, 379 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2856: M. Smirnov (Ed.), *Quality of Future Internet Services*. IX, 293 pages. 2003.
- Vol. 2855: R. Alur, I. Lee (Eds.), *Embedded Software*. X, 373 pages. 2003.

# Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the Latin American Theoretical Informatics (LATIN) conference that was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 5–8, 2004.

The LATIN series of symposia was launched in 1992 to foster interactions between the Latin American community and computer scientists around the world. This was the sixth event in the series, following São Paulo, Brazil (1992), Valparaiso, Chile (1995), Campinas, Brazil (1998), Punta del Este, Uruguay (2000), and Cancun, Mexico (2002). The proceedings of these conferences were also published by Springer-Verlag in the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series: Volumes 583, 911, 1380, 1776, and 2286, respectively. Also, as before, we published a selection of the papers in a special issue of a prestigious journal.

We received 178 submissions. Each paper was assigned to four program committee members, and 59 papers were selected. This was 80% more than the previous record for the number of submissions. We feel lucky to have been able to build on the solid foundation provided by the increasingly successful previous LATINs. And we are very grateful for the tireless work of Pablo Martínez López, the Local Arrangements Chair. Finally, we thank Springer-Verlag for publishing these proceedings in its LNCS series.

December 2003

Martin Farach-Colton

## Invited Presentations

**Cynthia Dwork**, Microsoft Research, USA

**Mike Paterson**, University of Warwick, UK

**Yoshiharu Kohayakawa**, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

**Jean-Eric Pin**, CNRS/Université Paris VII, France

**Dexter Kozen**, Cornell University, NY, USA

# Organization

Program Chair	Martin Farach-Colton, Rutgers University, USA
Local Arrangements Chair	Pablo Martínez López, Univ. Nacional de La Plata, Argentina
Steering Committee	Ricardo Baeza Yates, Univ. de Chile, Chile Gaston Gonnet, ETH Zurich, Switzerland Claudio Lucchesi, Univ. de Campinas, Brazil Imre Simon, Univ. de São Paulo, Brazil

## Program Committee

**Michael Bender**, SUNY Stony Brook, USA  
**Gerth Brodal**, University of Aarhus, Denmark  
**Fabian Chudak**, ETH, Switzerland  
**Mary Cryan**, University of Leeds, UK  
**Pedro D'Argenio**, UNC, Argentina  
**Martin Farach-Colton (Chair)**, Rutgers University, USA  
**David Fernández-Baca**, Iowa State University, USA  
**Paolo Ferragina**, Università di Pisa, Italy  
**Juan Garay**, Bell Labs, USA  
**Claudio Gutiérrez**, Universidad de Chile, Chile  
**John Iacono**, Polytechnic University, USA  
**Bruce Kapron**, University of Victoria, Canada  
**Valerie King**, University of Victoria, Canada  
**Marcos Kiwi**, Universidad de Chile, Chile  
**Sulamita Klein**, Univ. Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
**Stefan Langerman**, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium  
**Moshe Lewenstein**, Bar Ilan University, Israel  
**Alex López-Ortiz**, University of Waterloo, Canada  
**Eduardo Sany Laber**, PUC-Rio, Brazil  
**Pablo E. Martínez López**, UNLP, Argentina  
**S. Muthukrishnan**, Rutgers Univ. and AT&T Labs, USA  
**Sergio Rajsbaum**, Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
**Andrea Richa**, Arizona State University, USA  
**Gadiel Seroussi**, HP Labs, USA  
**Alistair Sinclair**, UC Berkeley, USA  
**Danny Sleator**, Carnegie Mellon University, USA

## Local Arrangements Committee

**Eduardo Bonelli**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata  
**Carlos “Greg” Diuk**, Universidad de Buenos Aires  
**Santiago Figueira**, Universidad de Buenos Aires  
**Carlos López Pombo**, Universidad de Buenos Aires  
**Matías Menni**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata  
**Pablo E. Martínez López (Chair)**, Univ. de La Plata  
**Alejandro Russo**, Universidad de Buenos Aires  
**Marcos Urbaneja Sánchez**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata  
**Hugo Zaccheo**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

## Referees

Dimitris Achlioptas	Moses Charikar	Gudmund S. Frandsen
Ali Akhavi	Chandra Chekuri	Antonio Frangioni
David Aldous	Koen Claessen	Ari Freund
Jorge Almeida	Don Coppersmith	Daniel Fridlender
Greg Aloupis	Massimo Coppola	Alan Frieze
Andris Ambainis	Ricardo Corin	Fabio Gadducci
Eric Bach	Peter Csorba	Naveen Garg
Pablo Barcelo	Ricardo Dahab	Leszek Gasieniec
Alexander Barg	Ivan Damgaard	Vincenzo Gervasi
Elad Barkan	Gianna Del Corso	Jovan Golic
Paulo Barreto	Erik Demaine	Roberto Grossi
Tomas Barros	Vinay Deolalikar	Antonio Gulli
Cecilia Bastarrica	Vania Maria F. Dias	Hermann Haeusler
Gabriel Baum	Irit Dinur	Petr Hajek
Amir Ben-Amram	Shlomi Dolev	Angele Hamel
Julien Bernet	Dan Dougherty	Darrel Hankerson
Javier Blanco	Vida Dujmovic	Carmit Harel
Paulo Blauth	Dannie Durand	Amir Herzberg
Hans Bodlaender	Jerome Durand-Lose	Alejandro Hevia
Philip Bohannon	Nadav Efraty	Steve Homer
Eduardo Bonelli	John Ellis	Carlos Hurtado
Prosenjit Bose	Hazel Everett	Ferran Hurtado
Hervé Brönnimann	Luerbio Faria	Lucian Ilie
Veronique Bruyere	Sándor P. Fekete	Neil Immerman
John Brzozowski	Claudson Ferreira	Andre Inacio Reis
Ayelet Butman	Bornstein	Gabriel Infante Lopez
Ying Cai	Santiago Figueira	Achim Jung
Carlile Campos Lavor	Celina M. H.	Charanjit Jutla
Héctor Cancela	de Figueiredo	Mehmet Hakan Karaata
Jean Cardinal	Philippe Flajolet	Hakan Karaata
Olivier Carton	Paola Flocchini	Makino Kazuhisa

Carmel Kent	Fatma Mili	Alexander Russell
Claire Kenyon	Ruy Mlidiu	Andrei Sabelfeld
Tien Kieu	Peter Bro Miltersen	Kai Salomaa
Tomi Klein	Manuela Montangero	Louis Salvail
Jon Kleinberg	Pat Morin	Luigi Santocanale
Lars R. Knudsen	Rémi Morin	Eric Schost
Cetin Koc	Sergio Muñoz	Matthias Schröder
Ulrich Kohlenbach	Seffi Naor	Marinella Sciortino
Goran Konjevod	Gonzalo Navarro	Michael Segal
Peter Kornerup	Alantha Newman	Arun Sen
Margarita Korovina	Stefan Nickel	Rahul Shah
Guy Kortsarz	Peter Niebert	Jeff Shallit
Natalio Krasnogor	Rolf Niedermeier	Scott Shenker
Danny Krizanc	Soohyun Oh	David Shmoys
Marcos Kurban	Alfredo Olivero	Amin Shokrollahi
Alair Lago	Nicolas Ollinger	Igor Shparlinski
Leema Lallmamode	Melih Onus	Riccardo Silvestri
Orlando Lee	Erik Ordentlich	Guillermo Simari
Noa Lewenstein	Friedrich Otto	Imre Simon
Yehuda Lindell	Daniel Panario	Bjarke Skjernaa
Ricardo Linden	Alessandro Panconesi	Dan Spielman
Claudia Linhares	Luis Pardo	Jessica Staddon
Marina Lipshtein	Rodrigo Paredes	Mike Steele
Errol Lloyd	Ojas Parekh	William Steiger
Martin Loebel	Michal Parnas	Bernd Sturmfelz
John Longley	Mike Paterson	Subhash Suri
Fabrizio Luccio	Boaz Patt-Shamir	Maxim Sviridenko
Alejandro Maass	David Peleg	Wojciech Szpankowski
Guido Macchi	Marco Pellegrini	Shang-Hua Teng
Phil MacKenzie	David Pelta	Siegbert Tiga
Nelson Maculan	Daniel Penazzi	Loana Tito Nogueira
Francesco Maffioli	Pino Persiano	Yaroslav Usenko
Greg Malewicz	Raúl Piaggio	Santosh Vempala
Arnaldo Mandel	Benny Pinkas	Newton Vieira
Giovanni Manzini	Nadia Pisanti	Narayan Vikas
Alvaro Martín	Ely Porat	Jorge Villavicencio
Demetrio Martin Vilela	Daniele Pretolani	Alfredo Viola
Carlos Alberto Martinhon	Corrado Priami	Elisa Viso
Brian Mayoh	Cristophe Prieur	Marcelo Weinberger
Robert W. McGrail	Kirk Pruhs	Nicolas Wolovick
Candido F.X. de Mendonca	Geppino Pucci	David Wood
Matías Menni	Claude-Guy Quimper	Jinyun Yuan
Andrea Mennucci	Rajmohan Rajaraman	Michal Ziv-Ukelson
Peter Merz	Desh Ranjan	
	Matt Robshaw	
	Ricardo Rodríguez	

X Organization

## Sponsoring Institutions

sponsored by



*SADIC*



**El Ojo del Huracán**

[ comunicación visual ]

+ ilustración ]

# Table of Contents

## Invited Speakers

Analysis of Scheduling Algorithms for Proportionate Fairness . . . . .	1
<i>Mike Paterson</i>	
Advances in the Regularity Method . . . . .	2
<i>Yoshiharu Kohayakawa</i>	
Fighting Spam: The Science . . . . .	3
<i>Cynthia Dwork</i>	

The Consequences of Imre Simon's Work in the Theory of Automata, Languages, and Semigroups . . . . .	5
<i>Jean-Eric Pin</i>	

## Contributions

Querying Priced Information in Databases: The Conjunctive Case . . . . .	6
<i>Sany Laber, Renato Carmo, Yoshiharu Kohayakawa</i>	
Sublinear Methods for Detecting Periodic Trends in Data Streams . . . . .	16
<i>Funda Ergun, S. Muthukrishnan, S. Cenk Sahinalp</i>	
An Improved Data Stream Summary: The Count-Min Sketch and Its Applications . . . . .	29
<i>Graham Cormode, S. Muthukrishnan</i>	
Rotation and Lighting Invariant Template Matching . . . . .	39
<i>Kimmo Fredriksson, Veli Mäkinen, Gonzalo Navarro</i>	
Computation of the Bisection Width for Random $d$ -Regular Graphs . . . . .	49
<i>Josep Díaz, Maria J. Serna, Nicholas C. Wormald</i>	
Constrained Integer Partitions . . . . .	59
<i>Christian Borgs, Jennifer T. Chayes, Stephan Mertens, Boris Pittel</i>	
Embracing the Giant Component . . . . .	69
<i>Abraham Flaxman, David Gamarnik, Gregory B. Sorkin</i>	
Sampling Grid Colorings with Fewer Colors . . . . .	80
<i>Dimitris Achlioptas, Mike Molloy, Christopher Moore, Frank Van Bussel</i>	

The Complexity of Finding Top-Toda-Equivalence-Class Members . . . . .	90
<i>Lane A. Hemaspaandra, Mitsunori Ogihara, Mohammed J. Zaki,     Marius Zimand</i>	
List Partitions of Chordal Graphs . . . . .	100
<i>Tomás Feder, Pavol Hell, Sulamita Klein, Loana Tito Nogueira,     Fábio Protti</i>	
Bidimensional Parameters and Local Treewidth . . . . .	109
<i>Erik D. Demaine, Fedor V. Fomin, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi,     Dimitrios M. Thilikos</i>	
Vertex Disjoint Paths on Clique-Width Bounded Graphs . . . . .	119
<i>Frank Gurski, Egon Wanke</i>	
On Partitioning Interval and Circular-Arc Graphs into Proper Interval Subgraphs with Applications . . . . .	129
<i>Frédéric Gardi</i>	
Collective Tree Exploration . . . . .	141
<i>Pierre Fraigniaud, Leszek Gąsieniec, Dariusz R. Kowalski,     Andrzej Pelc</i>	
Off-Centers: A New Type of Steiner Points for Computing Size-Optimal Quality-Guaranteed Delaunay Triangulations . . . . .	152
<i>Alper Üngör</i>	
Space-Efficient Algorithms for Computing the Convex Hull of a Simple Polygonal Line in Linear Time . . . . .	162
<i>Hervé Brönnimann, Timothy M. Chan</i>	
A Geometric Approach to the Bisection Method . . . . .	172
<i>Claudio Gutierrez, Flavio Gutierrez, Maria-Cecilia Rivara</i>	
Improved Linear Expected-Time Algorithms for Computing Maxima . . .	181
<i>H.K. Dai, X.W. Zhang</i>	
A Constant Approximation Algorithm for Sorting Buffers . . . . .	193
<i>Jens S. Kohrt, Kirk Pruhs</i>	
Approximation Schemes for a Class of Subset Selection Problems . . . .	203
<i>Kirk Pruhs, Gerhard J. Woeginger</i>	
Finding $k$ -Connected Subgraphs with Minimum Average Weight . . . . .	212
<i>Prabhakar Gubbala, Balaji Raghavachari</i>	
On the (Im)possibility of Non-interactive Correlation Distillation . . . .	222
<i>Ke Yang</i>	

Pure Future Local Temporal Logics Are Expressively Complete for Mazurkiewicz Traces . . . . .	232
<i>Volker Diekert, Paul Gastin</i>	
How Expressions Can Code for Automata . . . . .	242
<i>Sylvain Lombardy, Jacques Sakarovitch</i>	
Automata for Arithmetic Meyer Sets . . . . .	252
<i>Shigeki Akiyama, Frédérique Bassino, Christiane Frougny</i>	
Efficiently Computing the Density of Regular Languages . . . . .	262
<i>Manuel Bodirsky, Tobias Gärtner, Timo von Oertzen, Jan Schwinghammer</i>	
Longest Repeats with a Block of Don't Cares . . . . .	271
<i>Maxime Crochemore, Costas S. Iliopoulos, Manal Mohamed, Marie-France Sagot</i>	
Join Irreducible Pseudovarieties, Group Mapping, and Kovács-Newman Semigroups . . . . .	279
<i>John Rhodes, Benjamin Steinberg</i>	
Complementation of Rational Sets on Scattered Linear Orderings of Finite Rank . . . . .	292
<i>Olivier Carton, Chloé Rispal</i>	
Expected Length of the Longest Common Subsequence for Large Alphabets . . . . .	302
<i>Marcos Kiwi, Martin Loebl, Jiří Matoušek</i>	
Universal Types and Simulation of Individual Sequences . . . . .	312
<i>Gadiel Seroussi</i>	
Separating Codes: Constructions and Bounds . . . . .	322
<i>Gérard Cohen, Hans Georg Schaathun</i>	
Encoding Homotopy of Paths in the Plane . . . . .	329
<i>Sergei Bespamyatnikh</i>	
A Unified Approach to Coding Labeled Trees . . . . .	339
<i>Saverio Caminiti, Irene Finocchi, Rossella Petreschi</i>	
Cost-Optimal Trees for Ray Shooting . . . . .	349
<i>Hervé Brönnimann, Marc Glisse</i>	
Packing Problems with Orthogonal Rotations . . . . .	359
<i>Flavio Keidi Miyazawa, Yoshiko Wakabayashi</i>	

Combinatorial Problems on Strings with Applications to Protein Folding .....	369
<i>Alantha Newman, Matthias Ruhl</i>	
Measurement Errors Make the Partial Digest Problem NP-Hard.....	379
<i>Mark Cieliebak, Stephan Eidenbenz</i>	
Designing Small Keyboards Is Hard .....	391
<i>Jean Cardinal, Stefan Langerman</i>	
Metric Structures in $L_1$ : Dimension, Snowflakes, and Average Distortion .....	401
<i>James R. Lee, Manor Mendel, Assaf Naor</i>	
Nash Equilibria via Polynomial Equations.....	413
<i>Richard J. Lipton, Evangelos Markakis</i>	
Minimum Latency Tours and the $k$ -Traveling Repairmen Problem .....	423
<i>Raja Jothi, Balaji Raghavachari</i>	
Server Scheduling in the Weighted $\ell_p$ Norm .....	434
<i>Nikhil Bansal, Kirk Pruhs</i>	
An Improved Communication-Randomness Tradeoff .....	444
<i>Martin Fürer</i>	
Distributed Games and Distributed Control for Asynchronous Systems .....	455
<i>Paul Gastin, Benjamin Lerman, Marc Zeitoun</i>	
A Simplified and Dynamic Unified Structure .....	466
<i>Mihai Bădoiu, Erik D. Demaine</i>	
Another View of the Gaussian Algorithm .....	474
<i>Ali Akhavi, Céline Moreira Dos Santos</i>	
Generating Maximal Independent Sets for Hypergraphs with Bounded Edge-Intersections .....	488
<i>Endre Boros, Khaled Elbassioni, Vladimir Gurvich, Leonid Khachiyan</i>	
Rooted Maximum Agreement Supertrees .....	499
<i>Jesper Jansson, Joseph H.-K. Ng, Kunihiko Sadakane, Wing-Kin Sung</i>	
Complexity of Cycle Length Modularity Problems in Graphs .....	509
<i>Edith Hemaspaandra, Holger Spakowski, Mayur Thakur</i>	