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Preface

The papers in this volume were selected for presentation at the 16th Annual International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON 2010), held during July 19–21, 2010 in Nha Trang, Vietnam. Previous meetings of this conference were held in Singapore (2002), Big Sky (2003), Jeju Island (2004), Kunming (2005), Taipei (2006), Alberta (2007), Dalian (2008) and New York (2009).

COCOON 2010 provided a forum for researchers working in the areas of algorithms, theory of computation, computational complexity, and combinatorics related to computing. In all, 133 papers were submitted from 40 countries and regions, of which 54 were accepted. Authors of the submitted papers were from Australia (10), Bangladesh (11), Belgium (1), Canada (23), Chile (1), China (20), Colombia (1), Czech Republic (6), Denmark (1), France (25), France(1), Germany (13), Greece (2), Hong Kong (7), Hungary (2), India (18), Indonesia (8), Islamic Republic of Iran (2), Ireland (1), Israel (6), Italy (6), Japan (31), Republic of Korea(4), Malaysia (1), The Netherlands (2), New Zealand (2), Norway (3), Pakistan (1), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Russian Federation (3), Singapore (6), Slovakia (1), Spain (7), Sweden (2), Taiwan (19), Thailand (2), UK (2), USA (44), and Vietnam (15).

The submitted papers were evaluated by an international Technical Program Committee (TPC). Each paper was evaluated by at least three TPC members, with possible assistance of the external referees, as indicated by the referee list found in the proceedings. Some of these 54 accepted papers will be selected for publication in a special issue of *Algorithmica*, *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, and *Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms, and Application* under the standard refereeing procedure. In addition to the selected papers, the conference also included two invited presentations by Manuel Blum (Carnegie Mellon University) and Oscar H. Ibarra (University of California Santa Barbara).

We are extremely thankful to all the TPC members, each of whom reviewed about 14 papers despite a very tight schedule. The time and effort spent per TPC member were tremendous. By the same token, we profusely thank all the external referees who helped review the submissions. The TPC and external referees not only helped select a strong program for the conference, but also gave very informative feedback to the authors of all submitted papers. We also thank the local Organizing Committee for their contribution to making the conference a success. Many thanks are due to the two invited speakers and all the authors who submitted papers for consideration, all of whom contributed to the quality of COCOON 2010.

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