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# Preface

This volume is the post conference proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Relational Methods in Computer Science (RelMiCS 8), held in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on Applications of Kleene Algebra and a COST Action 274 (TARSKI) Workshop. This combined meeting took place in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, from February 22 to February 26, 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together researchers from various subdisciplines of computer science and mathematics who use the calculus of relations and/or Kleene algebra as methodological and conceptual tools in their work.

The meeting was a continuation of three different series of meetings. Previous RelMiCS meetings were held in:

- Schloß Dagstuhl, Germany, January 1994
- Parati (near Rio de Janeiro), Brazil, September 1995
- Hammamet, Tunisia, January 1997
- Stefan Banach Center, Warsaw, Poland, September 1998
- Valcartier (near Québec City), Canada, January 2000
- Osterwijk (near Tilburg), The Netherlands, October 2001
- Malente (near Kiel), Germany, May 2003

The first two workshops on applications of Kleene algebra were held Schloß Dagstuhl, Germany, February 2001 and Malente (near Kiel), Germany, May 2003. COST Workshops were held four times per year in various locations in the European Union since 2001. The substantial common interests and overlap of these communities motivated the joint meeting. Proceedings, edited by Düntsch and Winter and containing extended abstracts of the 34 accepted papers and abstracts of the 4 invited talks, were available at the conference. After the conference, a Call for Papers was issued.

This volume contains the 17 (full) papers accepted from the submissions at that time and three invited papers, “Topological Representation of Precontact Algebras” by Georgi Dimov and Dimiter Vakarelov, “Relational Semantics through Duality” by Ewa Orłowska, Ingrid Rewitzky and Ivo Düntsch and “Duality Theory for Projective Algebras” by Alasdair Urquhart. The contributed papers underwent a thorough refereeing process, in which each paper was sent to several referees. Contributed papers include such topics as static analysis of programs, representation theory, theories of programming, evolutionary algorithms, verification and quantifier elimination.

We are grateful to the members of the Program Committee and to the many people who acted as external referees and who must remain anonymous. Their efforts have ensured the high quality of the papers in this volume.

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