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Preface

DISC, the International Symposium on DIStributed Computing, is an annual conference for the presentation of research on the theory, design, analysis, implementation, and application of distributed systems and networks. DISC 2003 was held on October 1–3, 2003 in Sorrento, Italy.

There were 91 regular papers submitted to DISC this year. These were read and evaluated by the program committee members, assisted by external reviewers. The quality of submissions was high and we were unable to accept many deserving papers. Twenty-five papers were selected by the program committee to be included in these proceedings. It is expected that these papers will be submitted, in a more polished form, to fully refereed scientific journals.

The Best Student Paper Award was selected from among the accepted papers that were not co-authored by any program committee members. This year, the award was given to Ittai Abraham for the paper "Probabilistic Quorums for Dynamic Systems", co-authored with Dahlia Malkhi.

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