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PREFACE

A total of 78 papers were submitted. This is lower than the average in recent times. On the other hand, it was felt that the average quality of submissions has improved. Our efforts to select the best submissions were considerably aided by the diligence of the reviewers. The recent connectivity of the Indian computer science research community through Internet was also instrumental in receiving reviewers' responses in time. We thank all authors of submitted papers and reviewers for their contributions to the technical programme of the conference: in all, 25 papers were selected.

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