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Foreword

The Next Generation Information Technologies and Systems (NGITS) workshop series is a biannual event held in Israel since 1993. Like its predecessors, NGITS’99 brings together active members of the international research community interested in information technology and knowledge based systems. Many of the base technologies in the traditional areas of database management systems, information retrieval, and resource optimization, are being deployed nowadays in novel systems and applications that flourish with the astonishing increase in computational power, storage capacity, communication, and - of course - the advent of the world-wide web. These new fronts, in turn, present an ever growing set of challenges to the technologies, such as data availability, information integrity, and knowledge extraction, fuelling an exciting set of activities.

Our workshop clearly reflects this trend, offering a rich sample of the state of the art at the close of the millennium and a glimpse of what is to come in the next one. In response to the call for papers, we received 34 high quality submissions, 22 of which were carefully selected by the Program Committee for presentation at the workshop and inclusion in these proceedings. These include 17 full length papers as well as 5 short papers (that will be accompanied by demonstrations during the workshop). In addition, it is our pleasure to feature two invited talks, given by Professor J. Ullman of Stanford University and IBM Fellow C. Mohan.

We classified the selected papers into a number of broad topics, which were also used to organize the workshop sessions:

- Exploring the World Wide Web
- Database Technology
- Storage, Meta Information, Ontologies, and Software Engineering
- Agent and Workflow Management Technology
- Data Warehousing and Mining

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