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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 4th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS 2006), which took place in Sydney, Japan, November 8-10, 2006. The symposium was sponsored by the Asian Association for Foundation of Software.

In response to the call for papers, 70 full submissions were received. Each submission was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members with the help of external reviewers. The Program Committee meeting was conducted electronically over a 2-week period. After careful discussion, the Program Committee selected 22 papers. I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the APLAS 2006 Program Committee for their excellent job, and all the external reviewers for their invaluable contribution. The submission and review process was managed using the CyberChair system.

In addition to the 22 contributed papers, the symposium also included two invited talks by Jens Palsberg (UCLA, Los Angeles, USA) and Peter Stuckey (University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia), and one tutorial by Matthew Flatt (University of Utah, USA).

Many people helped to promote APLAS as a high-quality forum in Asia to serve programming language researchers worldwide. Following a series of well-attended workshops that were held in Singapore (2000), Daejeon (2001), and Shanghai (2002), the first three formal symposiums were held in Beijing (2003), Taipei (2004) and Tsukuba (2005).

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