Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the Fifth Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS 2007), which took place in Singapore, November 29 – December 1, 2007. The symposium was sponsored by the Asian Association for Foundation of Software (AAFS) and School of Computing, National University of Singapore.

In response to the call for papers, 84 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 25 papers. I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the APLAS 2007 Program Committee for their excellent job, and all the external reviewers for their invaluable contribution. The submission and review process was managed using the EasyChair system.

In addition to the 25 contributed papers, the symposium also featured three invited talks by Vincent Danos (University of Paris VII and CNRS, France), Sriram Rajamani (Microsoft Research India), and Vijay Saraswat (IBM T.J. Watson Research Lab, 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 four formal symposiums were held in Beijing (2003), Taipei (2004), Tsukuba (2005), and Sydney (2006).

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