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Preface

The 16th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD 2008) was held in Hersonissos, near Heraklion, Crete, Greece, September 21-24, 2008, and was attended by 91 participants from 19 countries.

In response to the call for papers the Program Committee received 83 submissions, each describing original research and/or a system demonstration. Each submission was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members and the reviewer's comments were returned to the authors. Following extensive discussions, the committee accepted 31 long papers and 8 short papers. In addition, 10 posters were accepted and displayed at the conference site. Each poster was granted a two-page description in the conference proceedings.

Two invited speakers, Jesper Tegnér from Karolinska Institute (Monday) and Roberto Tamassia from Brown University (Tuesday), gave fascinating talks during the conference. Professor Tegnér focused on the challenges and opportunities posed by the discovery, analysis, and interpretation of biological networks to information visualization, while Prof. Tamassia showed how graph drawing techniques can be used as an effective tool in computer security and pointed to future research directions in this area.

Following what is now a tradition, the 15th Annual Graph Drawing Contest was held during the conference, also including a Graph Drawing Challenge to the conference attendees. A report is included in the conference proceedings.

Many people contributed to the success of GD 2008. First of all, special thanks to the authors of submitted papers, demos, and posters. Many thanks to the members of the Program Committee and the external referees who worked diligently to select only the best of the submitted papers. The Organizing Committee worked tirelessly in the months leading to the crucial final four days: Emilio Di Giacomo was a great Publicity Chair; Theano Apostolidi, Kiriaki Kaiserli, Maria Prevelianaki, and Vassilis Tsiaras carried a large part of the work regarding local organization and management of the conference. Also, many thanks to the student volunteers who helped in many ways during the conference.

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The 17th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD 2009) will be held September 23-25, 2009 in Chicago, USA, co-chaired by David Eppstein and Emden R. Gansner.

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