

Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of ICCS 2002, the Tenth International Conference on Conceptual Structures. The aim of this conference series has always been to support the international conceptual structures community with a forum for discussion and presentation. The conference has continually broadened its scope over the last several years, so that research in formal concept analysis, ontologies, description logics, situation theory, constraints analysis, discourse representation theory, SNePS, and many other techniques have all been presented and discussed.

This year, we adopted the conference theme of “Integration and Interfaces” in order to encourage all members of the community to participate in discussions on unifying the many aspects of conceptual structures. The purpose of ICCS 2002 was to serve as a forum for researchers in the many areas of conceptual structures to discuss their work and to find common ground across discipline boundaries.

All of the papers contained in this volume were reviewed in their full length by at least two reviewers as well as a member of the Editorial Board. We express our gratitude to the members of the Program Committee and to the additional reviewers, who processed a large review workload under tight time constraints. We also extend our thanks to the members of the Editorial Board who shouldered the difficult task of making the final decisions on the accepted papers.

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Organization

The International Conference on Conceptual Structures (ICCS) is the annual conference and the principle research forum in the theory and practice of conceptual structures. Previous ICCS conferences have been held at the Université Laval (Quebec City, 1993), the University of Maryland (1994), the University of California (Santa Cruz, 1995), Sydney (1996), the University of Washington (Seattle, 1997), Montpellier (1998), at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, 1999), Darmstadt University of Technology (2000), and Stanford University (2001).

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