

## Preface

Today, technologies for engineering and deployment of cooperative information systems have become increasingly critical in the construction of practically all types of large-scale distributed systems. Stimulating forums with different focuses are thus still in need of researchers and professionals from academia and industry to exchange ideas and experience and to establish working relationships. The idea to organize in China an academic event focusing on current topics in the field was born during the IFIP World Computer Congress 2000 that was held in Beijing, China. And here are the proceedings of EDCIS 2002!

This volume comprises the technical research papers accepted for presentation at EDCIS 2002. Of the initial 159 paper submissions involving nearly 500 authors from 14 countries of all continents, 45 papers were carefully selected. Every paper was reviewed by at least three members of the program committee, and judged according to its technical merit and soundness, originality, significance, presentation quality, and relevance to the conference. The accepted papers cover various subjects such as workflow technology, coordination technology, advanced transactions, groupware systems, semantic web, ontologies, mobile agents, and enterprise modeling, and enterprise application integration.

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