

Preface

This book is part of the Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Knowledge Engineering (ISKE2012) and the 1st International Conference on Cognitive Systems and Information Processing (CSIP2012) held in Beijing, China, during December 15–17, 2012. ISKE is a prestigious annual conference on Intelligent Systems and Knowledge Engineering with the past events held in Shanghai (2006, 2011), Chengdu (2007), Xiamen (2008), Hasselt, Belgium (2009), and Hangzhou (2010). Over the past few years, ISKE has matured into a well-established series of international conferences on Intelligent Systems and Knowledge Engineering and related fields over the world. CSIP 2012 is the first conference sponsored by Tsinghua University and Science in China Press, and technically sponsored by IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, Chinese Association for Artificial Intelligence. The aim of this conference is to bring together experts from different expertise areas to discuss the state of the art in cognitive systems and advanced information processing, and to present new research results and perspectives on future development. Both ISKE 2012 and CSIP 2012 provide academic forums for the participants to disseminate their new research findings and discuss emerging areas of research. It also creates a stimulating environment for the participants to interact and exchange information on future challenges and opportunities of intelligent and cognitive science research and applications.

ISKE 2012 and CSIP received 406 submissions in total from about 1020 authors in 20 countries (United States of American, Singapore, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom, Portugal, Norway, Korea, Japan, Germany, Finland, France, China, Argentina, Australia, and Belgium). Based on rigorous reviews by the Program Committee members and reviewers, among 220 papers contributed to ISKE 2012, high-quality papers were selected for publication in the proceedings with the acceptance rate of 58.4 %. The papers were organized in 25 cohesive sections covering all major topics of intelligent and cognitive science and applications. In addition to the contributed papers, the technical program includes four plenary speeches by Jennie Si (Arizona State University, USA), Wei Li (California State University, USA), Chin-Teng Lin (National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, China), and Guoqing Chen (Tsinghua University, China).

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