

Preface

This volume comprises the 9th IFIP International Conference on Intelligent Information Processing. As the world proceeds quickly into the Information Age, it encounters both successes and challenges, and it is well recognized that intelligent information processing provides the key to the Information Age and to mastering many of these challenges. Intelligent information processing supports the most advanced productive tools that are said to be able to change human life and the world itself. However, the path is never a straight one and every new technology brings with it a spate of new research problems to be tackled by researchers; as a result we are not running out of topics; rather the demand is ever increasing. This conference provides a forum for engineers and scientists in academia, university and industry to present their latest research findings in all aspects of intelligent information processing.

We received more than 40 papers, of which 24 papers are included in this program as regular papers and 3 as short papers. We are grateful for the dedicated work of both the authors and the referees, and we hope these proceedings will continue to bear fruit over the years to come. All papers submitted were reviewed by two referees.

A conference such as this cannot succeed without the help from many individuals who contributed their valuable time and expertise. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the Program Committee members and referees, who invested many hours for reviews and deliberations. They provided detailed and constructive review reports that significantly improved the papers included in the program.

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Finally, we hope you find this volume inspiring and informative.

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