

# Preface

The International Conference on Intelligent Computing (ICIC) was started to provide an annual forum dedicated to the emerging and challenging topics in artificial intelligence, machine learning, pattern recognition, bioinformatics, and computational biology. It aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from both academia and industry to share ideas, problems, and solutions related to the multifaceted aspects of intelligent computing.

ICIC 2017, held in Liverpool, UK, August 7–10, 2017, constituted the 13th International Conference on Intelligent Computing. It built upon the success of ICIC 2016, ICIC 2015, ICIC 2014, ICIC 2013, ICIC 2012, ICIC 2011, ICIC 2010, ICIC 2009, ICIC 2008, ICIC 2007, ICIC 2006, and ICIC 2005 that were held in Lanzhou, Fuzhou, Taiyuan, Nanning, Huangshan, Zhengzhou, Changsha, China, Ulsan, Korea, Shanghai, Qingdao, Kunming, and Hefei, China, respectively.

This year, the conference concentrated mainly on the theories and methodologies as well as the emerging applications of intelligent computing. Its aim was to unify the picture of contemporary intelligent computing techniques as an integral concept that highlights the trends in advanced computational intelligence and bridges theoretical research with applications. Therefore, the theme for this conference was “Advanced Intelligent Computing Technology and Applications.” Papers focused on this theme were solicited, addressing theories, methodologies, and applications in science and technology.

ICIC 2017 received 612 submissions from 21 countries and regions. All papers went through a rigorous peer-review procedure and each paper received at least three review reports. Based on the review reports, the Program Committee finally selected 212 high-quality papers for presentation at ICIC 2017, included in three volumes of proceedings published by Springer: two volumes of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* (LNCS) and one volume of *Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence* (LNAI).

This volume of *Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence* (LNAI) includes 67 papers.

The organizers of ICIC 2017, including Tongji University and Liverpool John Moores University, UK, made an enormous effort to ensure the success of the conference. We hereby would like to thank the members of the Program Committee and the referees for their collective effort in reviewing and soliciting the papers. We would like to thank Alfred Hofmann, executive editor at Springer, for his frank and helpful advice and guidance throughout and for his continuous support in publishing the proceedings. In particular, we would like to thank all the authors for contributing their papers. Without the high-quality submissions from the authors, the success of the

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