Special issue on CS&P’2000 Workshop

Preface

This is the third special issue of Fundamenta Informaticae devoted to the CONCURRENCY SPECIFICATION AND PROGRAMMING (CS&P) workshop, in succession to the second one published in August 2000. The volume contains a selection of papers presented at the meeting that took place in Berlin from 9 to 11 of October 2000. The papers have been chosen from 35 contributions accepted for presentation at CS&P’2000, following their additional evaluation and editorial treatment. A complete collection of the contributions has been published as Proceedings of this workshop by the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Informatik Bericht Nr.140. That continued the tradition of the former CS&P workshops, whose participants had been supplied with proceedings in the form of technical reports during the meetings. The contributions encompass various topics, like concurrency issues, timed automata, rough set theory, formal linguistics, or case based reasoning.

The CS&P workshops, being held in even years in Germany and in odd years in Poland, are supported by Humboldt and Warsaw Universities on the basis of an exchange programme. Initiated by computer science interest groups affiliated to both institutions in the mid-seventies, the workshops were suspended for some years in the eighties and resumed in 1992 in the extended form of participation: they evolved from purely bilateral meetings to ones gathering researchers from countries other than Germany and Poland as well. The scope of subjects has also been broadened from linguistic and logical issues initially, to semantic and logical concepts in concurrency, specification and, in general, programming at present, though with complexity analysis almost entirely left aside. The name CS&P, assigned to this annual event after its reactivating, reflected the actual subject of interest of the German and Polish initiative groups that, in the meantime, developed into the Institutes of Informatics of Humboldt and Warsaw Universities.

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