Editorial

This volume contains revised and extended versions of selected papers presented at the Ninth International Symposium on Temporal Representation and Reasoning (TIME) held in Manchester, UK, in July 2002. This is the only regular meeting in this field bringing together researchers in areas where time plays a significant role. Topics of interest include temporal aspects within areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Temporal/Spatial Databases and applications of Temporal Logic in Computer Science.

The papers in this edition represent a broad spectrum of current research work relating to the use of time in Databases, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science. It includes papers that consider decidability results for propositional and first-order branching-time temporal logics, local search methods for solving temporal constraint satisfaction problems, dealing with data expiration in temporal databases by using different levels of detail, representing and reasoning about time granularities using linear-time temporal logic and the consideration of events in natural language semantics.

We would like to thank all those who participated in TIME in 2002, and who submitted papers to this special issue. All the papers submitted showed the hard work that the authors put in to the production of their papers. An important part of any journal is the quality of its reviewers. In this we were pleased to have the involvement of many excellent reviewers, and would like to thank them for their time, hard work and expertise. Finally, we would like to thank the editorial office of the Journal of Logic and Computation for their help in producing this special issue.

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