

# Preface

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The MFCS 2002 proceedings consists of five invited papers and 48 contributed papers. We are grateful to all the invited speakers for accepting our invitation and sharing their insights on their research areas. We thank the authors of all submissions for their contribution to the scientific program of the meeting.

The contributed papers were selected by the Program Committee out of a total of 108 submissions. All submissions were evaluated by three members of the committee, with the assistance of referees. After discussions, the final agreement was reached at the selection meeting in Warsaw on April 27, 2002 (the program committee members denoted by \* in the list below took part in the meeting). We thank all the program committee members and referees for their work which contributed to the quality of the meeting. We have tried to make the list of referees as complete and accurate as possible and apologize for all omissions and errors.

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