

Foreword

The objective of the series “Nordic Workshop on Programming Theory” is to bring together scientists from the Nordic and Baltic countries in the field of programming theory in order to discuss the current state of research and improve mutual contacts and cooperation. In particular, the workshop may serve as an introduction to the scientific community for young researchers wishing to enter this field.

The 14th Nordic Workshop on Programming Theory (NWPT’02) was organized by the Department of Computer Science and Institute of Cybernetics at Tallinn Technical University in Tallinn, Estonia, 20–22 November 2002. The organizing committee consisted of the chair Jüri Vain (Department of Computer Science), and members Juhan Ernits, Marko Kääramees, and Tarmo Uustalu (Institute of Cybernetics).

The programme committee had nine members: Michael R. Hansen (Technical University of Denmark), Magne Haveraaen (University of Bergen, Norway), Hannu-Matti Järvinen (Tampere University of Technology, Finland), Kim G. Larsen (Aalborg University, Denmark), Bengt Nordström (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden), Olaf Owe (University of Oslo, Norway), Kaisa Sere (Åbo Akademi, Finland), Jüri Vain (Tallinn Technical University, Estonia), and Wang Yi (Uppsala University, Sweden).

Altogether 52 participants attended the workshop, coming from Belgium (1), Denmark (4), Finland (3), Germany (4), Italy (2), Norway (8), Sweden (10), United Kingdom (3), USA (1), and Estonia (16). There were 35 presentations, including invited talks by Roland Backhouse, Yuri Gurevich, and Bengt Jonsson.

More information can be found on the workshop homepage <http://www.cc.ioc.ee/nwpt02/>.

Proceedings of the workshop appear in two separate issues – in this issue of the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, Physics, Mathematics* and in *Nordic Journal of Computing*, 2003, vol. 10, No. 4. Both issues of the proceedings contain a refereed selection of workshop papers. In addition to an initial refereeing of the submittees’ abstracts by the programme committee, all presentations were refereed during the workshop, and the papers submitted for journal publication underwent a normal journal refereeing procedure.

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