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Preface

The 21st International Workshop on Cellular Automata and Discrete Complex Systems, AUTOMATA 2015, was held in Turku, Finland, during June 8–10, 2015. It was organized by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of Turku, and the conference venue was the Educarium building of the university. The event was an IFIP Working Conference and it hosted a meeting of the IFIP Working Group 1.5.

AUTOMATA 2015 continued an annual series of events established in 1995 as a forum for the collaboration of researchers in the field of cellular automata and related discrete complex systems. Topics of interest include, for example, the following aspects and features of such systems: dynamical, topological, ergodic, and algebraic aspects, algorithmic and complexity issues, emergent properties, formal language processing aspects, symbolic dynamics, models of parallelism and distributed systems, timing schemes, phenomenological descriptions, scientific modeling and practical applications. The conference attracted a good number of submissions, which indicates a continued interest in the topics.

There were four invited talks in the conference, and I wish to thank the speakers Andreas Deutsch, Turlough Neary, Ville Salo, and Luke Schaeffer for accepting the invitation and for their presentations. The invited contributions are included in this volume.

There were 33 submissions in the conference. Each submission was reviewed by three Program Committee members. Based on the reviews and discussions the committee decided to accept 15 papers to be presented in the conference and to be included in the proceedings. I would like to thank all authors for their contributions. The conference program involved also short presentations of exploratory papers that are not included in this book, and I wish to extend my thanks to the authors of the exploratory submissions.

I am indebted to the Program Committee and the additional reviewers for their help in selecting the papers. I extend my thanks to the members of the Local Organizing Committee. I am also grateful for the support by the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies, Turku Centre for Computer Science, the University of Turku, and the City of Turku. Finally, I acknowledge the excellent cooperation from the Lecture Notes in Computer Science team of Springer for their help in producing this volume in time for the conference.

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