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Foreword

The 16th International Conference on Database Theory (ICDT 2013) was held in Genoa, Italy, March 18-22, 2013. Originally biennial, the ICDT conference has been held annually and jointly with EDBT (“Extending Database Technology”) since 2009.

The proceedings of ICDT 2013 includes an overview of a keynote address by Jan Van den Bussche (Hasselt University), an overview of a keynote address by Luc Segoufin (INRIA and ENS Cachan), and an overview of an invited tutorial by Yehoshua Sagiv (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). There are 22 research papers that were selected by the program committee, out of 57 submissions. Out of the 22 accepted papers, the program committee selected the paper “A Theory of Pricing Private Data” by Chao Li, Daniel Li, Gerome Miklau, and Dan Suciu for the ICDT 2013 Best Paper Award. The program committee and external referees deserve thanks for their efforts in ensuring quality reviews to the authors of submitted papers. The program committee also deserve thanks for their careful deliberation in arriving at the set of accepted papers, their work in the selection of keynote speakers and invited tutorial, and the selection of the best paper. In addition, this is the inaugural year for the ICDT Test-of-Time (ToT) award. The ToT award was established by the ICDT Council with the goal of recognizing one paper, or a small number of papers, presented at ICDT from 10 years prior that have best met the “test of time”. The ICDT 2013 ToT Award Committee consisted of Maurizio Lenzerini (chair), Tova Milo, and Cristina Sirangelo. The ToT committee selected the paper “Data Exchange: Semantics and Query Answering” by Ronald Fagin, Phokion G. Kolaitis, Renée J. Miller, and Lucian Popa for the ICDT 2013 Test-of-Time Award. This paper originally appeared in the proceedings of ICDT 2003.

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