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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at IPEC 2019: the 14th International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation, which took place September 11–13 in Munich, Germany. IPEC was co-located with five other algorithmic conferences as a part of the annual ALGO congress.

The International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC, formerly IWPEC) is a series of international symposia covering research in all aspects of parameterized and exact algorithms and complexity. Started in 2004 as a biennial workshop, it became an annual event in 2009.

Previous iterations of I(W)PEC	
2004	Bergen, Norway
2006	Zürich, Switzerland
2008	Victoria, Canada
2009	Copenhagen, Denmark
2010	Chennai, India
2011	Saarbrücken, Germany
2012	Ljubljana, Slovenia
2013	Sophia Antipolis, France
2014	Wrocław, Poland
2015	Patras, Greece
2016	Aarhus, Denmark
2017	Vienna, Austria
2018	Helsinki, Finland

In response to the call for papers, 40 abstracts were submitted, which led to 38 submitted papers. Three papers were later withdrawn. Each submission received 3 reviews. The reviews came from the 15 members of the program committee and from 22 external reviewers, together contributing 105 reviews. The program committee held electronic meetings through the EasyChair platform. In the end, the program committee selected 24 of the submissions for presentation at the symposium and inclusion in these proceedings.

The Best Paper Award was given to Giordano Da Lozzo, David Eppstein, Michael Goodrich, and Siddharth Gupta, for their paper *C-Planarity Testing of Embedded Clustered Graphs with Bounded Dual Carving-Width*.

The Best Student Paper Award was given to Gregory Rosenthal for his paper *Beating Treewidth for Average-Case Subgraph Isomorphism*.

IPEC invited one plenary speaker to the ALGO meeting, Raphael Yuster, as part of the award ceremony for the 2019 EATCS-IPEC Nerode Prize for outstanding papers in the area of multivariate algorithmics. The Nerode prize committee consisted of Jianer Chen, Hans L. Bodlaender, and Virginia Vassilevska Williams. They awarded the prize to Noga Alon, Raphael Yuster, and Uri Zwick for their paper *Color-Coding* (Journal of the ACM 42(4): 844–856 (1995)).

IPEC also invited Pasin Manurangsi to present a tutorial on *parameterized inapproximability*. Finally, IPEC hosted the award ceremony and poster session of the fourth *Parameterized Algorithms and Computational Experiments* challenge, PACE. This yearly challenge was conceived in Fall 2015 to deepen the relationship between parameterized algorithms and practice. These proceedings contain a report by M. Ayaz Dzulfikar, Johannes K. Fichte, and Markus Hecher on the 2019 PACE challenge.

We would like to thank the program committee, together with the external reviewers, for their commitment in the difficult paper selection process. We also thank all the authors who submitted their work for consideration. Finally, we are grateful to the local organizers of ALGO, chaired by Susanne Albers, Ernst Bayer, and Gabriele Doblander, for their work on the local arrangements.

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