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The program committee would like to thank all those who submitted papers for consideration. About 55% of the submissions were from outside the United States. Each paper was peer-reviewed by two experts in the field for originality, significance, clarity, impact, and soundness. In cases of contradictory recommendations, a member of the conference program committee was charged to make the final decision; often, this involved seeking help from additional referees by using a double-blinded review process. In addition, papers whose authors included a member of the conference program committee were evaluated using the double-blinded review process. The only exception to the above evaluation process was for papers that were submitted directly to chairs/organizers of approved sessions/workshops; in these cases, the chairs/organizers were responsible for the evaluation of such submissions. The overall paper acceptance rate for regular papers was 24%; 18% of the remaining papers were accepted as poster papers.

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