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Foreword

It gives us great pleasure to introduce this collection of papers to be presented at the 2012 International Conference on Genetic and Evolutionary Methods (GEM'12), July 16 through 19, 2012, at Monte Carlo Resort, Las Vegas, USA.

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The program committee would like to thank all those who submitted papers for consideration. About 60% 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 29%; 30% of the remaining papers were accepted as poster papers (at the time of this writing, we had not yet received the acceptance rate for a few individual tracks.)

We are very grateful to the many colleagues who helped in organizing the conference. In particular, we would like to thank the members of the GEM'12 Program Committee who we hope will offer their help

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