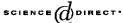




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Preface

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Abstract

This volume contains the Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Coalgebraic Methods in Computer Science (CMCS'2002). The Workshop was held in Grenoble, France on April 6–7 2002, as satellite event to ETAPS'2002.

Over the last few years it has become clear that a great variety of state-based dynamical systems, like transition systems, automata, process calculi and class-based systems can be captured uniformly as *coalgebras*. The aim of the CMCS workshops is to bring together researchers with a common interest in the theory and application of coalgebras. The five CMCS volumes demonstrate that coalgebra is developing into a field of its own, presenting a deep mathematical foundation and a growing field of applications and interactions with various other fields, such as modal logic, category theory, dynamical systems, control systems, object-oriented and concurrent programming, formal systems specifications, algebra, analysis, combinatorics, and set theory.

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Several outside reviewers also assisted. CMCS received 20 submissions and accepted 15 of them. In addition, there were two invited speakers: Jose Meseguer and Luigi Santocanale. Their papers appear in this volume along with the 15 submitted contributions. We are grateful to everyone who sent us papers, and we regret that the length of the conference did not allow more papers to be presented.

We thank the organizers of ETAPS'2002 for their help and encouragement. Special thanks to Rachid Echahed for his constant help with the organization of the workshop, and also to Mike Mislove for his work as a Managing Editor of the ENTCS series. Their efforts have been crucial for the success of CMCS'2002.

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