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## Preface

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The International Symposium on Computing and Information (ISCI2004) was held at Zhuhai, China during 15–18 August, 2004. The aim of the Symposium is to bring together researchers to exchange ideas and information in the areas of computing and information.

There were over 207 participants. The programme included 6 plenary talks and 191 contributed talks. 29 refereed papers were accepted and published in the Proceedings of the Symposium, which appeared as a special issue of the Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics.

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