Foreword: Special issue in honor of the 60th birthday of Prof. Maxime Crochemore

This special issue of Theoretical Computer Science is honorably dedicated to Prof. Maxime Crochemore on the occasion of his 60th birthday. It is organized in a deep recognition of his many outstanding contributions to algorithms analysis and design, and computational molecular biology. The issue contains contributions from some of Maxime’s past co-authors. Our special thanks are extended to all authors as well as to the anonymous reviewers.

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Prof. Maxime Crochemore received his Ph.D. in 1978 and his Doctorat d'État in 1983 at the University of Rouen. He got his first professorship position at the University of Paris-Nord in 1985 where he acted as President of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science for two years. He became professor at the University Paris 7 in 1989 and was involved in the creation of the University of Marne-la-Valle where he is Professor, emeritus from 2007. He also created the Computer Science research laboratory of this University in 1991 and was the director until 2005. From 2004 to 2006, he was Deputy Scientific Director of the Information and Communication Department of CNRS. Prof. Crochemore was Senior Research Fellow from 2002 to 2007 and is presently Professor at King's College London. He has been the recipient of several French grants on string algorithms and bio-informatics. He participated in a good number of international projects in algorithmics and supervised more than twenty Ph.D. students. He is a co-author of three internationally recognized monographs devoted to stringalgorithmics.