

Preface

This issue of *Acta Cybernetica* contains a selection of papers whose preliminary versions appeared in the proceedings of the Seventh Finno-Ugoric Symposium on Programming Languages and Software Tools (SPLST). The symposium was held in Szeged, Hungary, on June 15–16, 2001. The main aim of this symposium series is to provide a forum in every second year for computer scientists living in Estonia, Finland, and Hungary to exchange ideas and present their current works and also to offer young scientists the possibility of demonstrating their results at an international scientific meeting.

After the symposium the authors were invited to submit completed versions of their papers for this special issue. All submitted papers were then subjected to the normal refereeing process of *Acta Cybernetica*. Altogether 20 manuscripts were submitted, out of which 14 have been accepted.

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