Preface

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This special issue contains the expanded version of eight papers from 172 submissions to the Fourteenth Annual International Conference on Combinatorics and Computation (COCOON 2008), held in Dalian, China, on June 27–29, 2008, with sponsorship of the Academy of Mathematics and System Sciences within Chinese Academy of Sciences. Each paper had at least two reviews. There were nine papers submitted to this special issue after the conference. Through the second round review process, we decide to accept current eight papers in accordance with the standard of this journal.

These eight papers are distributed in theory foundation of combinatorial optimization and various applications, such as graph algorithms, online algorithms, network optimizations, and scheduling. They reflect the theme of the conference. We wish to thank all authors who contributed their research results to this conference and this special issue. We wish to thank all Program Committee members and anonymous referees for their review work.

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