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Preface

The 15th International Conference on Developments in Language Theory (DLT 2011) was held in Milan, Italy, on the beautiful campus of the Milano–Bicocca University. It was a four-day conference starting July 19 and ending July 22, 2011.

The DLT conference series is one of the major international conference series in language theory. It started in Turku, Finland, in 1993. Initially, it was held once every two years. Since 2001, it has been held every year, odd years in Europe and even years in other continents.

The papers submitted to DLT 2011 were from 28 countries including Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, UK, and the USA. Each paper was reviewed by three referees and discussed by the members of the Program Committee. Finally, 34 regular papers were selected by the Program Committee for presentation at the conference. There were five invited talks given at the conference. They were given by (in alphabetic order) Maxime Crochemore (Marne-la-Vallée), Antonio Restivo (Palermo), Arseny Shur (Eka-*terin*burg), Thomas Wilke (Kiel), and Sheng Yu (London, Ontario). In addition, there were seven posters on display at the conference. This volume includes all the 34 contributed papers, the papers or abstracts from the 5 invited speakers, and a 2-page abstract for each of the 7 poster papers.

We warmly thank all the invited speakers and all the authors of the submitted papers. Their efforts were the basis of the success of the conference.

We would like to thank all the members of the Program Committee and the external referees. Their work in evaluating the papers and comments during the discussions were essential to the decisions on the contributed papers. We would also like to thank all the members of the DLT Steering Committee, for their ideas and efforts in forming the Program Committee and selecting the invited speakers.

We wish to thank the conference sponsors: the University of Milano–Bicocca and the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science.

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