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Preface

The Second International Symposium on Combinatorial Optimization (ISCO 2012) took place at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) during April 19–21, 2012. ISCO 2012 was preceded by the Spring School on "Mathematical Programming and Design of Approximation Algorithms" given by David Shmoys and David Williamson.

ISCO is a new biannual symposium with its first venue in Hammamet, Tunisia, in March 2010. The symposium aims to bring together researchers from all the communities related to combinatorial optimization, including algorithms and complexity, mathematical programming and operations research. It is intended to be a forum for presenting original research on all aspects of combinatorial optimization, ranging from mathematical foundations and theory of algorithms to computational studies and practical applications, and especially their intersections.

In response to the call for papers, ISCO 2012 received 94 regular and 30 short submissions. Each submission was reviewed by at least three Program Committee (PC) members with the assistance of external reviewers. The submissions were judged on their originality and technical quality and the PC had to discuss in length the reviews and make tough decisions. As a result, the PC selected 37 regular papers to be presented at the symposium (along with 31 short papers selected from both regular and short submissions). Four eminent invited speakers, Giorgio Ausiello (Università di Roma "La Sapienza"), George Nemhauser (Georgia Tech), Christos Papadimitriou (UC Berkeley) and Paolo Toth (Università di Bologna) also gave talks at the symposium. The revised versions of the accepted regular papers and extended abstracts of the invited talks are included in this volume.

We would like to thank all the authors who submitted their work to ISCO 2012, and the PC members and external reviewers for their excellent work. We would also like to thank our invited speakers as well as the speakers of the Spring School for their exciting lectures. They all contributed to the quality of the symposium and gave ISCO 2012 a new distinct character.

Finally, we would like to thank the Organizing Committee members, for their dedicated work in preparing this conference, and we gratefully acknowledge our sponsoring institutions for their assistance and support.

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