

## **Preface**

This conference is a kind of an experiment: the organizers have tried to get together those PhD students who work on any fields of computer science and its applications to help them possibly in writing their first abstract and paper, and may be to give their first scientific talk. As far as we know, this is the first of its kind. The aims of the scientific meeting were determined on the council meeting of the Hungarian PhD Schools in Informatics: it should

- provide a forum for PhD students in computer science to discuss their ideas and research results,
- give a possibility to have constructive criticism before they present the results in professional conferences,
- to promote the publication of their results in the form of fully refereed journal articles, and finally
- to promote hopefully fruitful research collaboration between the participants.

To achieve these goals, each participant was asked to act as a discussor of a paper with similar subject to facilitate the discussion and to improve the quality of the emerging paper. The discussors were asked to contact the authors of the related paper well before the conference to get acquainted with the material to be prepared to ask questions and to make useful comments. The success of the discussor institution depends much on the amount of invested work of the participants: we hope that it proves to be a profitable task for each side.

A Best Talk award will be given for the highest quality paper presented, and the best papers of some subfields will be announced.

Although we did not advertise it on the web, a surprisingly high number of good quality abstracts have been submitted. If you encounter any problems during the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Organizing Committee members. The organizers hope that the conference will be a valuable contribution to the research of the participants, and wish a pleasant stay in Szeged.