

## Preface

This conference is the fourth in a series. 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 one of the few such conferences. 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,
- promote the publication of their results in the form of fully refereed journal articles, and finally
- promote hopefully fruitful research collaboration among the participants.

The best talks will be awarded with the help of our sponsors. The papers emerging from the presented talks will be forwarded to the journals of *Acta Cybernetica* (Szeged), and *Periodica Polytechnica* (Budapest); and the mathematics oriented papers to *Publicationes Mathematicae* (Debrecen). The deadline for the submission of the papers is the end of August 2004. The manuscripts will be forwarded to the proper journals. To get acquainted with the style of the journals please study earlier issues of them. One sample paper is available at <http://www.inf.u-szeged.hu/~cscs/csallner.tex>.

Although we did not advertise it on the web, a 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.

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