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Preface

Research on Agents and Multi-Agent Systems has matured during the last decade and many effective applications of this technology are now deployed. An international forum to present and discuss the latest scientific developments and their effective applications, to assess the impact of the approach, and to facilitate technology transfer, has become a necessity.

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This volume presents the papers that have been accepted for the 2011 edition. These articles capture the most innovative results and this year's trends: Finance and Trading, Information Systems and Organisations, Leisure Culture and Interactions, Medicine and Cloud Computing, Platforms and Adaptation, Robotics and Manufacturing, Security and Privacy, Transports and Optimisation paper has been reviewed by three different reviewers, from an international committee composed of 75 members from 24 different countries. From the 81 submissions received, 15 were selected for full presentation at the conference, and 24 were accepted for short presentation at the conference.

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