Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the conference on *Computer Aided Verification* (CAV 2002), held in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 27-31, 2002. CAV 2002 was the 14th in a series of conferences dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practice of computer-assisted formal analysis methods for software and hardware systems. The conference covers the spectrum from theoretical results to concrete applications, with an emphasis on practical verification tools, including algorithms and techniques needed for their implementation. The conference has traditionally drawn contributions from researchers as well as practitioners in both academia and industry.

This year we received 94 regular paper submissions out of which 35 were selected. Each submission received an average of 4 referee reviews. In addition, the CAV program contained 11 tool presentations selected from 16 submissions. For each tool presentation, a demo was given at the conference. The large number of tool submissions and presentations testifies to the liveliness of the field and its applied flavor.

The CAV 2002 program included a tutorial day with three invited tutorials by Wolfgang Thomas (Aachen) on *Infinite Games and Verification*, Patrick Cousot (ENS Paris) on *Abstraction in Software Verification* and Thomas A. Henzinger (Berkeley) on *The Symbolic Approach to Hybrid Systems*. The conference also included two invited talks by Sharad Malik (Princeton) on *The Quest for Efficient Boolean Satisfiability Solvers* and Gerard J. Holzmann (Bell Labs) on *Software Analysis and Model Checking*. In addition, there were three workshops associated with CAV 2002:

- PAPM-PROBMIV: Process Algebras and Performance Modeling/Probabilistic Methods in Verification.
- RT-TOOLS: Workshop on Real-Time Tools.
- RV: Run-Time Verification.

The publication of these workshop proceedings was managed by their respective chairs, independently of the present proceedings.

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This year, CAV was part of the Federated Logic Conference (FLoC 2002), and was organized jointly with CADE (Conference on Automated Deduction),

FME (Formal Methods Europe), ICL (International Conference on Logic Programming), LICS (Logic in Computer Science), RTA (Rewriting Techniques and Applications), and TABLEAUX (Automated Reasoning with Analytic Tableaux and Related Methods). In particular, the invited talk given by Sharad Malik was joint with CADE 2002, and the paper also appears, in identical form, in the proceedings of CADE 2002. In addition, FLoC included 31 workshops associated with the different conferences. We would like to acknowledge the help of the FLoC 2002 steering committee Moshe Y. Vardi (General Chair), Neil D. Jones (Conference Chair), Ulrich Firbach (CADE), Edmund M. Clarke (CAV), Dines Bjørner (CAV), Catuscia Palamidessi (ICLP), Samson Abramsky (LICS), Nachum Dershowitz (RTA), Reiner Hähnle (TABLEAUX), Harald Ganzinger (Associate General Chair), and Dana Scott (IFCOLOG).

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