

Preface

This volume contains the final proceedings of the MetaInformatics Symposium 2003 (MIS 2003). The event was held September 17–20 on the campus of the Graz University of Technology in Graz, Austria.

As with previous events in the MIS series, MIS 2003 brought together researchers and practitioners from a wide variety of fields to discuss a broad range of topics and ideas related to the field of computer science. The contributions that were accepted to and presented at the symposium are of a wide variety. They range from theoretical considerations of important metainformatics-related questions and issues to practical descriptions of approaches and systems that offer assistance in their resolution. I hope you will find the papers contained in this volume as interesting as the other members of the program committee and I have.

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