FOREWORD

Special Section on Foundations of Computer Science

We are happy to introduce this special section on Foundations of Computer Science. Since the first special
section on this title has been published in 2004, this series of special sections has played a significant role
to promote studies in this area. The special sections also give good opportunities to those who are facing
new application problems for finding consistent solutions. It will be our great pleasure if this seventh
special section on the title too help readers and encourage researchers in the field.

This special section includes one invited paper, nine submitted papers and one letter, all qualified careful
review over nineteen submissions. The invited paper by Professor Tatsuya Akutsu at Kyoto University
reviews recent key results on the tree edit distance problem. Besides the remarkable results, it is so im-
pressive to see that universal discussions in foundations of computer science could help developing very
recent problems which are now occurring in bioinformatics.

We greatly appreciate all the authors for their valuable contributions. We are also grateful to anonymous
reviewers for their constructive comments. As the Guest Editor-in-Chief of this special section, I would
like to express my thanks to the members of the Editorial Committee listed below for their work.

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