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Foreword

The 13th International Workshop on Confluence (IWC 2024) is held on July 9, 2024, in Tallinn, Estonia, affiliated with the 9th International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction (FSCD 2024).

Confluence, as a general notion of determinism, is an essential property of rewrite systems and has emerged as a crucial concept for many applications. However, the confluence property is also relevant to various further areas of rewriting, such as completion, commutation, termination, modularity, and complexity. The International Workshop on Confluence was created as a forum to discuss all these aspects, as well as related topics, implementation issues, and new applications.

IWC 2024 continues this tradition. The present report comprises nine regular submissions and the abstract of an invited talk, as well as descriptions of tools participating in the 13th Confluence Competition (CoCo 2024). In the invited talk, Aart Middeldorp highlights confluence of Logically Constrained Term Rewrite Systems, which has been attracting attention recently, and for which a new category of CoCo has started this year. The contributions in these proceedings reflect the wide scope of current research on confluence, ranging from new confluence criteria and novel confluence-related properties over formalization of confluence results to implementation aspects and applications. At the same time, the spectrum of rewrite formalisms (first- as well as higher-order, conditional rewriting, rewriting under strategies) used to model problems from different application areas underlines the importance of confluence for various domains.

The renewed interest in confluence research in the last decade resulted in a variety of novel approaches, which were also implemented in powerful tools that compete in the annual confluence competition. The second part of this report devoted to CoCo 2024 provides a general overview as well as system descriptions of all competition entrants.

IWC 2024 was made possible by the commitment of many people who contributed to the submissions, the preparation and the program of the workshop, as well as the confluence competition. These include authors of papers and tools, committee members, external reviewers, and the organizers of CoCo, the organizers of FSCD, as well as the local organizers. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

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