Preface

Welcome to Shape Modeling International ‘99, the second International Conference on Shape Modeling and Applications, held March 1-4, 1999, at the University of Aizu, Aizu-Wakamatsu City, Japan. The conference was sponsored by the University of Aizu and organized in cooperation with ACM SIGGRAPH, Eurographics Association, and Computer Graphics Society. This conference focuses on shape abstraction, modeling, and analysis. The topics of this volume include topological and geometric modeling, implicit surfaces, analysis and transformation of shapes, volume modeling and applications.

Shape Modeling International is a truly international conference. The contributed papers were selected, after peer review, from a total of 42 papers submitted from 20 different countries (Australia, Brasil, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, UK, USA). A total of 57 reviewers worked very hard to evaluate the papers and we wish to acknowledge their contribution. We have included in these proceedings 24 contributed papers and 6 invited papers.

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