

A Word from the Chair of SIGEVO



Welcome to the Proceedings of GECCO-2012, the fourteenth GECCO, and a “recombination” of the 21th International Conference on Genetic Algorithms (ICGA) and the 17th Genetic Programming Conference (GP). This year, Jason Moore has acted with great energy and diligence as General Chair of GECCO-2012. Terry Soule, the Editor-in-Chief of GECCO-2012 has done a terrific job at keeping the tracks on track and the reviewing process going and leading the effort to select papers for publication. Finally, as a first this year, we have created the position of a Proceedings Chair. Anne Auger did a great job tending to the details of this

year’s proceedings with results that you can inspect here.

GECCO is the premiere venue for presenting papers in the area of Genetic and Evolutionary Computation world-wide. The quality of the papers submitted to GECCO is very high, and GECCO has the most rigorous selection process in the field of Evolutionary Computation. The combined effect means that the best papers and most important work in the field of Evolutionary Computation is presented at the GECCO conference. If you were not able to attend GECCO-2012 in person, the Proceedings are in the ACM Digital Library; they are globally accessible and readily found, which benefits both readers and authors.

ACM SIGEVO

The members of ACM SIGEVO, sponsor of GECCO, continue to draw major benefits of becoming a part of ACM. In addition to being part of the ACM Digital Library, another key benefit is the outstanding newsletter, SIGEVolutions, produced by editor Pier Luca Lanzi and an excellent editorial board. If you are accessing these proceedings and are not a member of SIGEVO, please consider joining (for the low price of \$25/year for non-students, and \$10/year for student members). This will help us a lot in promoting our community. In addition to SIGEVolutions, members receive a substantial discount for GECCO registration.

Involvement in ACM SIGEVO

SIGEVO is now an established Special Interest Group (SIG) of the ACM. ACM considers its SIGs as the lifeblood of the organization. We are governed by bylaws available on the SIGEVO web pages. There, you also find a list of members of the 18-member Executive Committee. This past year, I was elected chair of SIGEVO, together with a new team of officers: Una-May O'Reilly (Vice-Chair), Marc Schoenauer (Secretary), and Franz Rothlauf (Treasurer). We have started our work and are dedicated to improve our organization. If you have any suggestions how to make GECCO or SIGEVO better, please let us know.



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