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The conference was organized in Liège for the second time. Last edition in Liège dates back to 2004. Previous editions of this conference took place in Mons 1990, 1992, 1994, 1998, 2008, in Rouen 1991, in Bordeaux 1993, Marseille 1995, Marne-La-Vallée 2000, Montpellier 2002, Liège 2004, Rennes 2006, Amiens 2010, Louvain-la-Neuve 2012 and Nancy 2014.

Around 50 participants from Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, India, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russia, The Netherlands and USA were attending the meeting and discussing about the main topics of the conference: combinatorics on words, automata theory and formal languages theory and their relationship with other topics like number theory, model-checking, logical aspects, theory of semigroups, game theory, algorithmic aspects, etc.

After the conference, participants were invited to submit full research papers for this special issue. Each paper has been refereed using high scientific standards by two independent referees.

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