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## Preface

The biennial International Conference on Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM) brings together researchers interested in all aspects of graphical models for probabilistic reasoning, decision making, and learning.

Previous PGM meetings were held in Cuenca (2002), Leiden (2004), Prague (2006), Hirtshals (2008), Helsinki (2010), Granada (2012) and Utrecht (2014). The eighth edition took place in Lugano (Switzerland) on September 6–9, 2016. For this edition we changed the name of the conference from *European Workshop* to *International Conference*. This reflects the fact that PGM draws interest also from outside Europe, and that it has been publishing peer-reviewed proceedings since its first edition.

The proceedings of this edition are published for the first time within the series *JMLR: Workshop and Conference Proceedings*. This is by itself an acknowledgment of the scientific quality of the papers at PGM.

For the eighth edition of PGM, there were 69 submissions; this was a record for PGM. We assigned each paper to three members of the program committee, adopting, again for the first time, a double-blind reviewing approach. We accepted 46 papers (about 66% of the submissions). We would like to thank the 60 program committee members for their outstanding job during the reviewing process.

Besides the technical program, keynote lectures were given by three distinguished invited speakers: Guido Consonni (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Fabio G. Cozman (Universidade de São Paulo), and Adnan Darwiche (UCLA).

Moreover, two tutorials further enriched the program. The first was delivered by Cassio P. de Campos (Queen’s University Belfast) and Johan Kwisthout (Radboud University). The second tutorial was given by Nicola Di Mauro and Antonio Vergari (Università degli Studi di Bari).

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