

PREFACE

The purpose of the *Annual Review of Scalable Computing* is to provide a forum for researchers in the area to publish extended-length articles on significant new developments. The articles may cover comprehensive results from a major project, review recent work in a sub-domain, or exposit new ideas in a detailed, tutorial fashion, at a length which most journals and conference proceedings could not accommodate.

I am pleased to say that the five articles included in this inaugural volume gives an excellent illustration of the different types of material that require such extensive treatment, and should serve well to encourage future authors with similar ideas to consider publishing in the Annual Review.

It takes considerable individual efforts and editorial coordination to bring this kind of multi-author volumes into being in a speedy fashion. I give my thanks to all the authors for their timely contributions, and to the joint publishers for their enthusiastic support. I look forward to again working with them and the Editorial Board on the continuation of this Series.

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