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Preface

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the proceedings of the 13th International Computer Society of Iran Computer Conference (CSICC-2008). The conference has been held annually since 1995, except for 1998, when it transitioned from a year-end to first-quarter schedule. It has been moving in the direction of greater selectivity (see Fig.1) and broader international participation. Holding it in Kish Island this year represents an effort to further facilitate and encourage international contributions. We feel privileged to participate in further advancing this strong technical tradition.

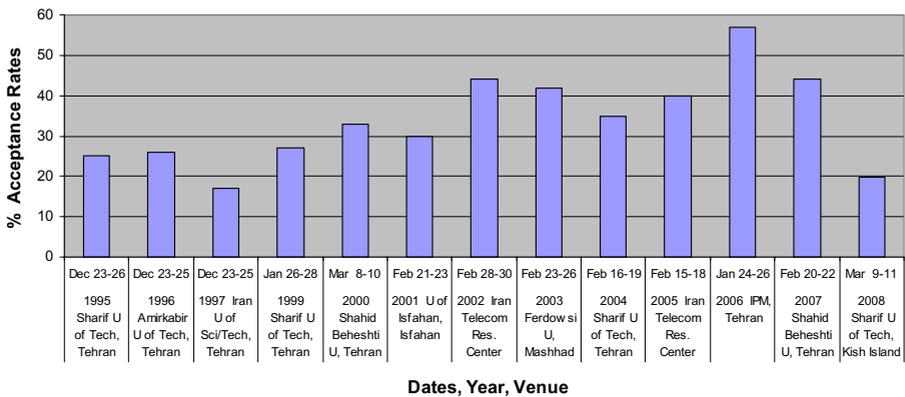


Fig. 1. The CSI Computer Conferences: Dates, Venues, and Acceptance Rates for Regular Papers

This year 426 papers were submitted to CSICC 2008, of which 84 were accepted as regular papers and 68 as posters (short papers). The task of handling such a large number of papers was both rewarding and challenging. Compiling this year's technical program would not have been possible without the enthusiastic participation of 1,140 authors, 374 reviewers, 32 Program Committee members, 27 Organizing Committee members, 15 program/organizing committees assistants, and 19 sponsoring organizations. The conference proceedings are published by Springer in the series "Communications in Computer and Information Science" (CCIS). To all these contributors, we owe a debt of gratitude. We are especially indebted to the primary sponsor of the event, Sharif University of Technology.

A technical conference contributes to the exchange of new ideas via formal presentations and proceedings papers. However, it is the informal technical exchanges and networking among participants that offer the greatest potential benefits. We hope that all CSICC 2008 participants could take advantage of this gathering opportunity, in the

serene environment of Kish Island, to acquaint themselves with new ideas and to plant the seeds of collaborative projects with colleagues from other institutions or countries.

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