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# Preface

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This book is published in conjunction with the 12th INFORMS Computing Society Conference, held January 9–11, 2011, in Monterey, California. The themes of the conference and this book are operations research, computing, and homeland defense. The conference attracted researchers from over 20 countries and included over 150 presentations. This book contains 13 closely refereed papers selected from among 30 that were submitted in conjunction with the conference. The papers cover topics on the theory of computing, mathematical programming, game theory, statistics and more; over half have applications to homeland defense.

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