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The first Symposium on Simplicity in Algorithms showed that there was profound interest in a venue with the Algorithms community for simplification results. The second SOSA lived up to the expectations for excellence established in the first year. Now, with this third installment of SOSA, we are being to see what this conference will look like in its maturity. The papers were excellent. We accepted 15 of 55 submissions. Most heartening was the evidence that some papers appear to reflect work that was specifically undertaken for submission to SOSA, rather than being simplification results that were finally finding a venue for publication.

The PC spent a good deal of time discussing the meaning of simplification and trying to understand what constitutes a SOSA paper. This is all a health part of the growth a conference, as it establishes its unique voice on our community.

We would like to thank the PC for their hard work. Not only were their reviews painstaking and insightful, but their interest is making sure that the SOSA finds its voice is a strong indicator of the continued success of this conference.

Martin Farach-Colton and Inge Li Gørtz, Program Committee Chairs

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