Invited Article Foreword

The Invited Articles section of this issue consists of one article: “[A Simple Deterministic Distributed MST Algorithm with Near-Optimal Time and Message Complexities](#)” by Michael Elkin, which won the best paper award at the 2017 ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC 2017). We want to thank the PODC Program Committee for their help in selecting this invited paper, and editor Rachid Guerraoui for handling the paper.

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