



Welcome to ECML/PKDD 2004

The 15th European Conference on Machine
Learning (ECML)

and the 8th European Conference on Principles
and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in
Databases (PKDD)

Welcome to Pisa!





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Organizing Institutions:



A lively scientific program

- 84 regular research paper presentations
- 15 posters
- 11 demos
- 5 world-class invited talks
- 10 workshops
- 7 tutorials
- The Discovery Challenge



A lively social program

- Welcome Party (here, tonight)
- Excursion to the town of Lucca
- and Conference Banquet (Thursday)
- Farewell Party (Friday)





Previous editions

2001 – Freiburg

2002 – Helsinki

2003 – Cavtat-Dubrovnik



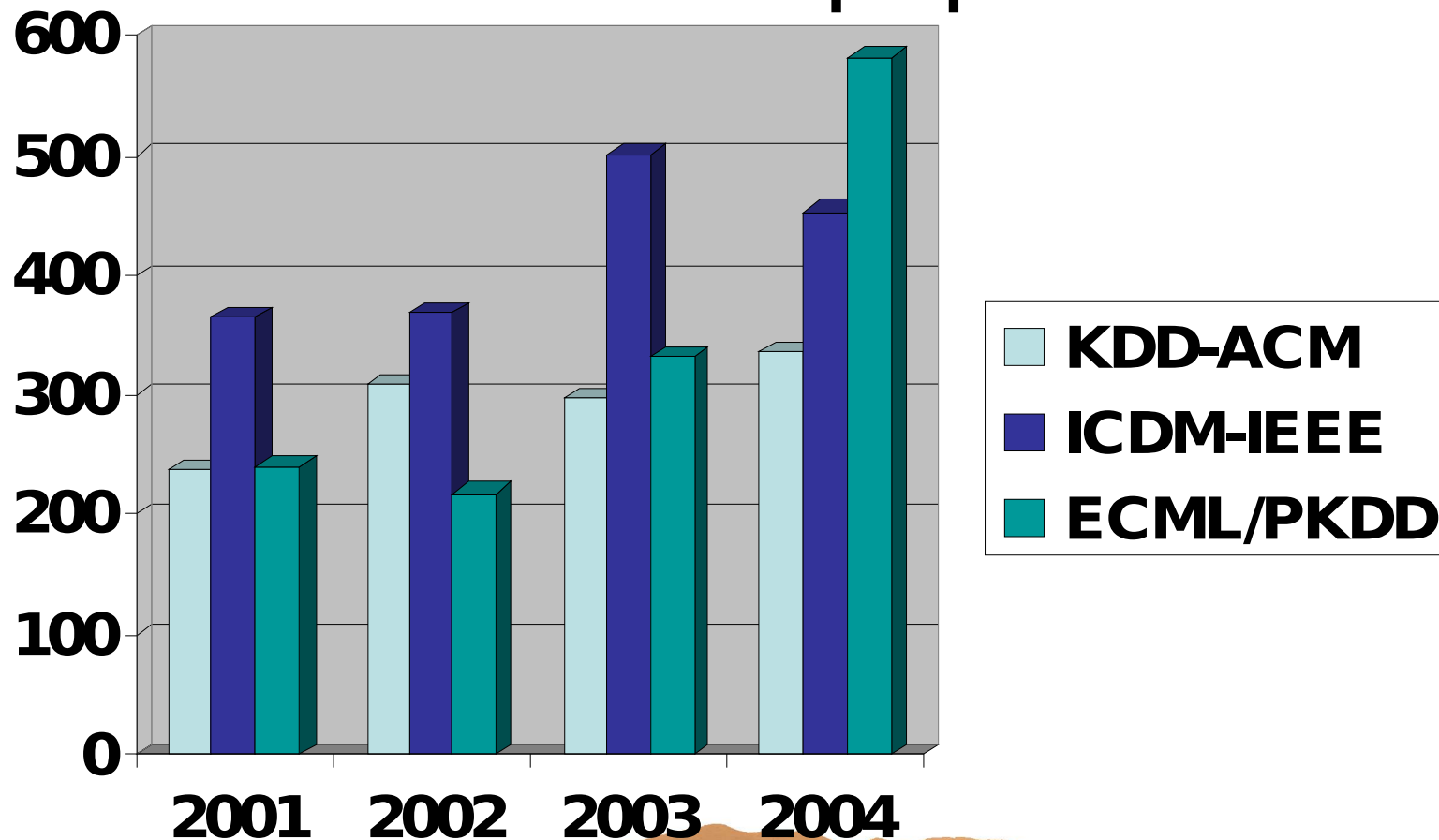


ECML/PKDD 2004

A few (rather impressive) numbers...



Submitted papers





- 581 papers submitted
 - 280 to ECML
 - 194 to PKDD
 - 107 to both





- ECML accepted papers
 - 45 regular, 6 posters
- PKDD accepted papers
 - 39 regular, 9 posters
- Global Acceptance Rate 14.5%
 - 17% including posters





A truly international forum

- Submissions from 42 countries
(ICDM'03: 37 countries)
- 350 registered participants from 30+ countries



Nationality	Submitted	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
USA	94	17	0,18
France	39	4	0,1
China	38	3	0,07
Italy	37	8	0,21
Germany	35	11	0,31
Spain	27	2	0,07
Australia	26	4	0,15
Brazil	23	2	0,08
South Korea	23	2	0,08
Japan	22	6	0,27
UK	21	2	0,09
Canada	21	7	0,33
Netherlands	16	5	0,31
Finland	14	2	0,14
Portugal	14	1	0,07
Ireland	13	2	0,15
Belgium	11	2	0,18
Poland	10	1	0,1
Hong Kong	9	1	0,11
Slovenia	9	4	0,44
Greece	8	1	0,12

Nationality	Submitted	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
India	8	1	0,125
Iran	7	0	0
Singapore	7	3	0,42
Switzerland	7	2	0,28
Israel	7	2	0,28
Taiwan	6	1	0,16
Austria	4	1	0,25
Sweden	3	1	0,33
Ukraine	3	0	0
Romania	2	0	0
Russia	2	0	0
Tunisia	2	0	0
New Zeland	2	0	0
Hungary	2	1	0,5
Lithuania	2	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
Mexico	1	0	0
Croatia	1	0	0
Algeria	1	0	0
Slovakia	1	0	0
Thailand	1	0	0



Special thanks





- The authors of the submitted papers
- The PC members and the additional referees
- The invited speakers:
 - Dimitris Achlioptas (Microsoft Research, Redmond),
 - Rakesh Agrawal (IBM Almaden Research Center),
 - Soumen Chakrabarti (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay),
 - Pedro Domingos (University of Washington, Seattle),
 - David J. Hand (Imperial College, London).
- The workshop chairs Donato Malerba and Mohammed J. Zaki
- The tutorial chairs Katharina Morik and Franco Turini
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