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Preface

In the last couple of years, the Qualitative Reasoning Workshop was run in conjunction with the Workshop on Principles of Diagnosis. This provided both communities a good opportunity to interact with each other, learn what the intersection of the two fields is, and apply techniques of one field to the other. In this cooperation there was never the intention to fuse both fields, but to enrich each other. So, this year the QR Committee decided to run the workshops independently, although still co-located in space and back-to-back in time.

Plans are to co-locate the workshop next year with the conference "Artificial Intelligence in Education", which will take place in Texas, USA. Again, we hope that the interaction with other community can bring us insight, help QR techniques spread to other fields, and recruit new scientists.

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