Message from the Program Committee Chairs

Welcome to the proceedings from Agile 2006, the sixth annual North American conference on agile software development! Consistent with the growing acceptance and use of agile methods, this year’s conference received a record number of submissions of all types. The quantity and diversity of submissions gave the Program Committee the opportunity to put together an excellent technical program consisting of:

- Research papers that reflect the latest research into a wide variety of agile practices. From among 41 submissions, 11 peer-reviewed research papers were selected.
- Experience reports that allow practitioners to report on the state of the practice. Thirty experience reports were selected for the conference, chosen from among 96 submissions.
- An Educators’ Symposium that provides a collaborative venue for university and industry educators to share and explore new ideas. This year’s Educators’ Symposium features a keynote, paper presentations, workshop, and panel sessions.
- Fifty-six tutorials selected from over 150 submissions and providing in-depth coverage of a topic.
- Twenty-eight (out of 71 submitted) discovery sessions intended to allow participants to discuss topics of mutual interest in various flexible, workshop-like formats.
- Five hands-on activities, each lasting a full day.
- An Open Space activity through the five full days of the conference and providing opportunities for impromptu, unstructured discussions on any topic of interest to conference participants.

These proceedings contain all of the presented research papers, experience reports, and educators’ symposium papers. Material from sessions in many of the other tracks such as tutorials, discovery sessions, and Open Space are on the conference website at www.agile2006.org.

Agile 2006 took place on July 23-28, 2006 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and was organized by the Agile Alliance, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to help agile teams form and succeed.

We would like to thank all of the members of the Organizing and Program Committees and all authors, reviewers, presenters, moderators, shepherds, and participants for making Agile 2006 a success.

Helen Sharp and Mike Cohn
Agile 2006 Program Committee Chairs