Message from the ASWEC 2010 Research Programme Chairs

Welcome to the Twenty-First Australasian Software Engineering Conference.

According to Wikipedia (the fount of all knowledge) “Twenty-one is a Fibonacci number, a Harshad number, a Motzkin number, a triangular number and an octagonal number.” It is the atomic number of scandium, the name of songs by the Eagles and the Cranberries, and in many jurisdictions, the age at which one can drink, gamble, or buy a gun. After twenty-one years, ASWEC has come of age!

This year, a truly Australasian ASWEC in Auckland continues a tradition of a truly international conference. We received 66 submissions, with authors from Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Every submission was rigorously reviewed by the programme committee and external reviewers, writing 204 reviews overall. The programme committee then discussed the papers in detail, accepting the 24 papers contained in these proceedings.

A research conference can only be as good as the papers that are submitted, so we would like to thank all of the authors who submitted research papers. Conferences are also judged on the quality of the reviews they provide to authors. These reviews are the result of the work and discernment of the programme committee and external reviews. We thank them for their time and effort. The hard work, as always, was done by the General Chair, Ewan Tempero, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Finally, a conference can only be as good as the attendees who travel to hear the research presentations, quiz the presenters, recruit graduate students, find new collaborators, renew existing relationships, and are inspired to continue their research. To you, especially, we bid you welcome, and hope you will enjoy the very Australasian ASWEC in Auckland, New Zealand.

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