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Foreword

The papers selected for SECAD 2008 confirm the typical nature of Automotive Software Engineering of representing and integrating cutting edge research results in quite different areas, spanning from web services to process engineering and to business management. The mere job of grouping the selected contributions into two sessions proved an intriguing work.

Some space is still being conceded to survey-like works, just to stress the relentless, astonishing grow of interest the field is gaining under the pressure of giant competition.

Technical papers do not represent just an application to Automotive of current research trends, but reveal novel approaches in traditional disciplines (such as distributed computing, configuration management and security) that may produce further development also in other areas.

Researchers and practitioners are likely to find ready-to-use material for further investigation and for comparing adoptable solutions. This is a goal the organisers want to pursue by preparing for fruitful discussion during the workshop and by fostering follow-on contacts and activity.

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