Welcome from the Doctoral Symposium Chair

Welcome to the Doctoral Symposium of the 15th European Conference on Software Maintenance and Reengineering (CSMR 2011)!

The CSMR 2011 Doctoral Symposium offers PhD students the opportunity to present and discuss their topics with renowned researchers and practitioners. We solicited submissions and participations from ongoing PhDs having settled the dissertation topic and defined the research agenda. The goal of this symposium is to promote the work of various scientists and to show the relevance of their works.

This year's Doctoral Symposium of CSMR 2011 is organized in two sessions:

- On Tuesday, March 1, we will have a closed session where each candidate will present his PhD thesis work in depth. The presentations enable discussions about the particular research questions, solution ideas, validation and the action plan of each PhD candidate. The aim of this session is to provide mutual feedback, to discuss on a technical level, and to share experiences and lessons learned.
- On Thursday, March 3, we will have second session at the main conference. This session allows each candidate to introduce herself/himself and the topic to the CSMR community. Each participant has the opportunity to present an overview on the research problem, solution, and current status of his PhD work. And as this session takes places just before the conference dinner, it opens up opportunities to have intensive discussions with the experts in the field later on.

In this year the doctoral symposium provides a wide spectrum of interesting research topics. The following six PhD candidates will present their works at CSMR 2011:

- Markus Borg, Lund University, Sweden: In Vivo Evaluation of Large-scale IR-based Traceability Recovery
- Adam Przybylek, University of Gdansk, Poland: Impact of aspect-oriented programming on software modularity
- Aakash Ahmad, Lero - The Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, Ireland: Customisable Transformation-Driven Evolution for Service Architectures
- Marija Katic, Kresimir Fertalj, University of Zagreb, Croatia: Model for Dynamic Evolution of Aspect-Oriented Software
- Andreas Seibel, Hasso Plattner Institute, Germany: From Software Traceability to Global Model Management and Back Again
- Lama Balloul, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany: Management of the Interfaces during their Life Cycle in a System Landscape

Last but not least, I would like to thank all PhD candidates for their submissions and to wish them all the best for their ongoing PhD work. Looking forward to seeing you in Oldenburg and enjoy the conference!

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