Linköping University, Sweden was the host for the 14th IEEE International Workshops on Enabling Technologies: Infrastructure for Collaborative Enterprises (WET ICE 2005) held on June 13-15, 2005. This is the third time in a row WETICE was held in a European country (the previous two were held in Italy and Austria). Please note that the colors of the front cover of this Proceedings represent the colors of the national flag of the host country, Sweden.

The participants, most of them being authors/presenters, came from 22 different countries across the globe. This has been the tradition of WET ICE from the beginning, and this year was no exception.

Among the six workshops of WET ICE 2005, the COPS workshop is new. The oldest of the running workshops is the STCA workshop (its previous title was Enterprise Security, ES) in its tenth year.

A total of 60 papers were submitted to WETICE. In this year’s proceedings, there are 45 full papers (75% acceptance) and three short papers. The best papers from each workshop were selected by the workshop organizers; these papers are marked with asterisks in the Table of Contents in the Proceedings. At the joint session on the closing day, the authors of the best papers presented a synopsis of their papers to the entire group of participants after each workshop chair’s report.

I would like to thank Dr. Patrick Lambrix and Dr. Christoph Schuba for delivering very interesting plenary lectures at the joint sessions. Dr. Lambix had another role to play—he was also the “hands-on” local organization chair for WET ICE and left no details overlooked. On the first day, the participants thoroughly enjoyed the reception on campus and the dinner aboard the boat on Kinda Kanal that still has “manual” locks and offered fascinating views along the way.

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Next year the 15th WETICE (WET ICE 2006) will be held in Manchester, UK (185 miles from London). The General Chair and local host will be Dr. Nikolay Mehandjiev, who made a very interesting slide presentation about the University of Manchester, and the city of Manchester on the closing day of WET ICE. Please check http://wetice.org for more information. Hope to see all of you in Manchester, UK, in 2006.

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