Message from the Program Chairs

大家好！Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 9th IEEE International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE 2014). It is with a lot of pleasure and delight that we present this synthesis of research in the global software engineering space with contributions from across the world. ICGSE cycles across geographies and continents each year; and this year, ICGSE looks eastwards from Italy last year. This edition is brought to you from a location situated further in the eastern hemisphere as compared to earlier years, perhaps signifying the spread of Global software engineering to include newer geographies and cultures.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Global Software Development and Engineering – Trends and Evolution”. This year’s papers is an eclectic and diverse mix covering topics from collaboration and coordination, culture, tools for GSE, amongst others, including the exciting interplay of agile and GSE and how the two can deliver a powerful synergy. It is heartening to note the energy, enthusiasm and the talent being invested into GSE researchers from across the world. Yes, challenges and problems remain in the GSE space; hopefully this conference will provide a significant contribution to solve some of these challenges.

This year we received a total of 45 papers from academia and industry. Each paper was peer-reviewed by three or in most cases four program committee members (except for a few papers whose rejection was clear after chair reviews). In the end, the program committee decided to accept 21 papers comprising 16 full-length papers and 5 short papers. This year, as part of the process, we used the shepherding process for a few papers which had potentially significant contribution but needed substantial changes to be made to the paper structure. In addition to the research, industry, and education papers, the conference program also includes three keynote speakers, poster and panel sessions, co-located tutorials and workshops, and a student-industry interaction session. The panel discussion will focus on GSE scenario in China and challenges and opportunities for research. We are very confident that ICGSE 2014 will offer the participants an excellent opportunity to exchange and explore ideas and collaboration on a diverse set of opportunities and challenges in the area of global software engineering.

… and finally we have many people we would like to express our thanks to. We are very grateful to all the authors who submitted their work to the review process of ICGSE 2014. As PC chairs, we could not have completed our job without the invaluable and timely contribution of all program committee members. We would like to particular mention our delight on the thoughtful and lively online discussions among the program committee members for the final selection of the papers. Thanks folks!! Special thanks to the steering committee members of the ICGSE 2014, especially the coordinator, Christof Ebert, and also Alberto Avritzer for their guidance and willing cooperation. We would also like to thank the General Chair, Wenyun Zhao for all support provided. And how could we forget Yijian Wu and Xin Peng who provided fabulous support and help in putting a very high quality program together. You guys rock!!

On behalf of the ICGSE 2014 program committee, we welcome you to the conference and hope you find the ICGSE 2014 program both interesting and rewarding. Have fun!!

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