Welcome to the 26th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance in Timișoara, Romania. ICSM is adding a new country on its list of locations highlighting its international dimension. We hope you will all enjoy the location as much as the conference.

ICSM 2010 is the result of a two-year effort undertaken by many people. The Organizing Committee includes 24 people whose work was also supported by more than 20 student volunteers. The Program Committees for all tracks included 110 people and 98 additional reviewers contributed to the review process. We want to thank all of them for their great work and contributions. ICSM would not exist without the effort of such people.

We also want to thank our hosts, the staff from Universitatea “Politehnica” Timișoara, the e-Austria Institute, the two student organizations, BEST and Liga AC, and to all of our sponsors and supporters: IEEE Computer Society, ACI Worldwide, Microsoft, IBM, Alcatel-Lucent, Continental, TRW, Apple and Hellenic Coca-Cola.

Three additional events are collocated with ICSM this year: the 10th IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation (SCAM), the 12th IEEE International Symposium on Web Systems Evolution (WSE), and the 6th International Conference on Predictor Models in Software Engineering (PROMISE). In addition, ICSM 2010 features two workshops: the 4th International Workshop on Maintenance and Evolution of Service-Oriented Systems (MESOA) and the 4th Workshop on FAMIX and Moose in Reengineering (FAMOOSr). More than that, ICSM 2010 includes two premieres: the Early Research Achievements (ERA) Track that features papers and posters presenting great ideas in an early stage of research and a Pre-Doctoral Symposium dedicated exclusively to Ph.D. students working on research related to software maintenance. Tutorials have returned to ICSM after a long break. As always, the ICSM program includes a Research Track, an Industrial Track, a Tool Demonstrations Track, a Doctoral Dissertation Track, and invited keynotes.

The Research Track includes 36 papers. These were selected from 133 submissions, submitted by 355 authors from 32 countries. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee. The Program Committee had 71 members from 17 countries. Papers authored by PC members were reviewed by four reviewers. The reviews were lively discussed online during two weeks and final decisions were made based on the reviews and discussions.

The ERA Track will feature 18 papers, which will also be presented informally in a poster session. The Tool Demo Track includes eight tool demonstrations, which will be presented formally during two sessions and informally during the poster session. The Industrial Track

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includes nine papers, while the Dissertation Session includes three presentations. Last but not least, the ICSM program includes four half-day tutorials.

Three keynote presentations are scheduled this year. We are excited to have Dr. Hans Sassenburg and Dr. Gee Rittenhouse give two of the keynotes. The third keynote will be rather non-traditional. We invited three very young and successful researchers in software maintenance and asked them to talk to us about their views on the future of the field. They are: Tudor Gîrba, Ahmed Hassan, and Thomas Zimmermann.

The program this year will be organized differently than we are used from previous years. Instead of the 90 minutes sessions, we scheduled 60 minutes sessions for presentations, followed by 15 minutes breaks. This will increase the number of coffee breaks during the day and hopefully will make the session more cohesive and will reduce the fatigue.

We hope you will have a great time and an unforgettable experience at ICSM 2010.

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