Message from ASSURE 2014 Workshop Co-Chairs

Welcome to ASSURE 2014, the 2nd International Workshop on Assurance Cases for Software-intensive Systems. We are pleased to be collocated with the 25th IEEE International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE 2014), in Naples, Italy.

The broad goals of ASSURE 2014 are to:
1. explore techniques for the creation and assessment of assurance cases for software-intensive systems;
2. examine the role of assurance cases in the systems and software engineering lifecycle;
3. identify the dimension of effective practice for developing and evaluating assurance cases;
4. investigate the relationship between software reliability engineering (SRE) and assurance cases; and, finally,
5. to identify critical research challenges and define a roadmap for future development.

Like the inaugural workshop, which was successfully held in San Francisco last year, ASSURE 2014 aims to provide an international forum for the dissemination of high-quality contributions that address the application of assurance case principles and techniques for assuring that the dependability properties of critical, software-intensive systems have been met.

This year, we are excited to begin ASSURE 2014 with an invited keynote talk by David Higham of Delphi Diesel Systems, UK. Next, ASSURE 2014 features nine talks reflecting research results, practical experience, positions, and tool descriptions. The corresponding peer-reviewed papers span a variety of software-relevant concerns such as assurance case principles and notations, domain-specific applications in automotive systems and medical devices, case studies, process assurance and compliance, and tool support. ASSURE 2014 will conclude with a panel discussion with researcher and practitioner panelists.

We thank all those who submitted papers, and congratulate the authors whose articles were selected for inclusion into the ASSURE 2014 program. We especially thank the Program Committee and the additional reviewers, both of whom provided useful feedback to the authors, and whose efforts resulted in the papers selected for the ASSURE 2014 program. We also thank the ISSRE 2014 organizers for their support. Finally, if you are a non-author/non-presenter attendee to ASSURE 2014, we thank you for attending and also invite you to participate during the discussions and questions.

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