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The focus of this year’s conference was on promoting the interaction of research and practice. We not only feature a very strong and selective technical program but the industry tracks will provide the attendees with an up-to-date insight into practices in leading software development companies.

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