Welcome to the XXVII edition of the Brazilian Symposium on Software Engineering (SBES), which this year takes place in the capital of Brazil, Brasilia. As has happened since 2010, the SBES 2013 is part of the Brazilian Conference on Software: Theory and Practice (CBSoft) that gathers the Brazilian Symposium on Programming Languages (SBLP), the Brazilian Symposium on Formal Methods (SBMF), the Brazilian Symposium on Software Components, Architectures and Reuse (SBCARS) and the Latin American Mini conference on Pattern Languages of Programming (MiniPLoP).

Within the SBES the participant finds two technical tracks, the Forum on Software Engineering Education and three invited speakers: two international and one national. Complementing this program, the CBSoft provides a range of activities including short courses, workshops, tutorials, a tools session, the Industrial Track and the Workshop of Theses and Dissertations. In the main technical track of SBES, unpublished research papers are presented, covering a range of topics on Software Engineering, mentioned in the call for papers, widely advertised in the Brazilian and international community. A rigorous peer review process enabled the careful selection of articles with the highest quality. The Program Committee included 76 members of the international Software Engineering community. In all, 113 investigators participated in the review of the 70 papers submitted. From those, 17 articles were accepted for presentation and publication in the SBES proceedings. It can be seen from these figures that we had a very competitive process that resulted in an acceptance rate of 24% of submitted articles. Besides the publication of articles in the proceedings, available in the IEEE Digital Library, the top eight articles – chosen by a committee selected from members of the Program Committee – are invited to submit an extended version to the Journal of Software Engineering Research and Development (JSERD).

For SBES 2013 the invited speakers are:

Jeff Offut (George Mason University) - How the Web Brought Evolution Back Into Design
Sam Malek (George Mason University) - Toward the Making of Software that Learns to Manage Itself
Thais Vasconcelos Batista (DIMAP-UFRN) - Software Architecture: a Core Discipline to Engineer Software

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