Message from the Symposium Chairs

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the 7th Brazilian Symposium on Collaborative Systems (SBSC 2010), held in the city of Belo Horizonte, state of Minas Gerais, from Oct. 5 to 8. The SBSC is the premier Brazilian scientific event that promotes the discussion on the development and usage of systems that provide support for collaboration among people. Collaborative systems are everywhere. Some current examples include social networks, distributed development environments, virtual worlds, cooperative editors, wikis, knowledge management systems, and communication tools, such as videoconference and blog. With the popularization of these collaborative systems, the relevance of theoretical and empirical studies on the techniques, technologies and models for the development and usage of cooperative systems grows.

In its 7th edition, the SBSC is already consolidated as an important forum for researchers, students, and professionals to discuss over this multidisciplinary area. The area is also known as CSCW (Computer Supported Cooperative Work). There is an interesting intersection of CSCW with other areas of Computer Science such as Software Engineering, Databases, Artificial Intelligence, Information Systems, Human Computer Interaction, Computer Graphics, Multimedia Systems, Distributed Systems, Hardware and Software Integration, and other not so obvious areas such as Sociology, Psychology, Education, and Management Sciences. Collaborative Systems are employed in many sectors that are related to professional work, education, and entertainment. This multidisciplinary forum favors rich exchange and discussions of ideas with viewpoints from many areas. The event has already been held in the cities of Fortaleza, Vila Velha, Rio de Janeiro, Natal, Juiz de Fora, and Ribeirao Preto; and it has gradually gaining relevance and visibility in the scientific communities.

The SBSC 2010 is promoted by the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC) and it is held in conjunction with the Brazilian Symposium on Multimedia Systems and the Web (Webmedia), Brazilian Symposium on Databases (SBBD), and Brazilian Symposium on Human Computer Interaction (IHC).

A novelty in this edition of SBSC is the variety of categories of submissions, increasing the possibility of discussion and collaboration. Authors could submit full technical papers, papers on tools or collaborative systems, short papers reporting completed or on-going work, papers about on-going theses and dissertations, and short courses. In the category of full papers (technical papers, papers on tools or collaborative systems), 45 papers were submitted; and in the category of short papers, 35 papers were submitted. The evaluation process was rigorous, and only 18 papers were accepted for publication in the full paper category, with the acceptance rate of 40%. In the short paper category, 14 papers were accepted, resulting also in the acceptance rate of 40%. There were 16 submissions of proposals in the Workshop of Theses and Dissertations. The total number of submissions reached 96 proposals, indicating the growth of interest and the maturity of the CSCW community in Brazil.

The criteria for the selection of the papers were: relevance of theme, originality, technical quality, ground assessment, and presentation. Three reviewers assessed each paper. 38 researchers of all regions of Brazil composed the Program Committee. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all the reviewers of the Program Committee for their diligent and prompt work and the authors who submitted their papers.

For the selection of best articles, a small committee formed by Profs. Jacques Wainer (UNICAMP) and Marcos Borges (UFRJ) re-evaluated the five top ranked papers in the acceptance phase. Three papers were selected. The authors are being invited to submit extended versions of their papers for the Journal of the Brazilian Computer Society (JBCS). We thank Marcos and Jacques for this additional and required effort.

In this year, the SBSC has the pleasure to have Dr. David Millen (IBM Research) and Fernanda Viegas (IBM Research) as keynote speakers. We appreciate and thank them for their interest and availability to share their knowledge.

A special thanks to Prof. Hugo Fuks (PUC-Rio) for his job in coordinating the Workshop of Theses and Dissertations, and to Prof. Roberta Lima Gomes (UFES) for managing the mini-courses track. We also thank Profs. Adriana Santarosa Vivaçaqua (DCC/UFRJ), Raquel Oliveira Prates (DCC/UFMG), and Mirella Moura Moro (DCC/UFMG), for the good job in the local organization and for support given to the event. We extend our gratitude to Prof. Clarindo Isaias de Padua for his job on the site management.
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At last but not least, we would like to express gratitude towards all volunteers who were not named but made the SBSC and the other joint events possible.

We really hope that you actively take part in and enjoy the symposium.

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