Message from
the Program Committee Chairs

On behalf of the SCAM 2003 conference and program committees, we would like to welcome you to this year’s workshop. This is the third Source Code Analysis and Manipulation workshop. While it required a great deal of effort by a large number of people to put together this year’s workshop, this work only serves to underscore the greater effort put forth by Mark Harman in making the first and hence later SCAM workshops a reality. Thank you, Mark.

All the committee members have worked hard to ensure that SCAM is a useful and enjoyable occasion. However, there are two members who have worked tirelessly to ensure that this occasion is also affordable! Leon Moonen who has managed to obtain external funding from The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (http://www.nwo.nl) and The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (http://www.knaw.nl), and Dave Binkley for doing the financing and much, much more. Thanks, Lads!

The aim of the SCAM workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners working on theory, techniques and applications which concern analysis and/or manipulation of the source code of computer systems. It is the source code that contains the only precise description of the behavior of the system. Many conferences and workshops address the applications of source code analysis and manipulation. The aim of SCAM is to focus on the algorithms and tools themselves; what they can achieve; and how they can be improved, refined, and combined.

This year we received 43 regular paper submissions for the workshop and were able to select from these 21 excellent papers which cover the broad range of activity in Source Code Analysis and Manipulation. All papers were fully reviewed by three referees for relevance, soundness, and originality. Each paper was assigned a rating ranging from A (excellent) to D (poor). Those receiving at least two accepts (A or B rating) appear herein and were included as part of the program. For the accepted papers, 42% received an A rating, 50% a B rating, only 5% a C rating, and a residual 3% received a D rating. Overall this indicates a strong technical program. We would also like to thank our keynote speaker, Chris Verhoef, for his contribution. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the SCAM Program Committee for their hard work and expertise in reviewing the papers.

In addition to thanking the authors, reviewers, and Steering Committee for their work in bringing about the third SCAM workshop, we would also like to thank Hans van Vliet, and all those responsible for putting together ICSM 2003, Leon Moonen for his work on local arrangements, Mark Harman and Jianjun Zhao for publicizing the workshop, and Silvio Stefanucci for helping to manage the review process. Thanks are also due to Stacy A. Wagner and Maggie Johnson from the IEEE, and Stephanie Kawada and Thomas Baldwin from the IEEE publications. And last, but not least to Claire Knight for designing the SCAM logo.

We hope that you find the technical program stimulating and rewarding and trust that you have a very enjoyable stay in Amsterdam.

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