Message from the Chairs

On behalf of the SCAM 2004 conference and program committees, we would like to welcome you to this year’s workshop. This is the fourth Source Code Analysis and Manipulation workshop. All the committee members have worked hard to ensure that SCAM is a rewarding experience.

The aim of the SCAM workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners working on theory, techniques, and applications that 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. SCAM is a working style conference. Paper presentations are kept short and focused and time is reserved for general discussion of the issues raised during the session.

This year we received 39 regular paper submissions for the workshop and were able to select 16 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. Overall this indicates a strong technical program. We are particularly thankful to all reviewers for their timely and constructive reviews. We received all reviews on time.

In addition to thanking the authors, reviewers, and Steering Committee for their work in bringing about the fourth SCAM workshop, we would also like to thank Panos Linos, Nicholas Zvegintzov, and all those responsible for putting together ICSM 2004, Dave Binkley as Finance Chair (and for the advice), Mark Harman, Jens Krinke, and Jianjun Zhao for publicizing the workshop, and Massimiliano Di Penta for managing Cyberchair. Thanks are also due to Kristine Weiand from the IEEE, and Stephanie Kawada and Thomas Baldwin from the IEEE publications.

We hope that you find the workshop interesting and rewarding and that you have an enjoyable stay in Chicago.

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