Welcome to the First International Conference on Software Engineering and Formal Methods (SEFM 2003) and welcome to Brisbane.

The objective of the conference is to bring together practitioners and researchers from academia, industry and government to exchange views on the theoretical foundation of formal methods, their application to software engineering and the socio-economic impact of their use.

SEFM originated from a workshop on Software Engineering and Formal Methods held in June 2002 in Adelaide as satellite of the 23rd International Conference on Application and Theory of Petri Nets, and has become a major international event with 65 submissions from 22 countries: 30 from Asia-Pacific, 28 from Europe, 5 from North and South America and 2 from Africa. All papers were refereed by at least two Program Committee members, and 20 papers were accepted. We would like to thank all authors who submitted papers to SEFM 2003.

In addition to contributed papers, the conference programme also includes three keynote speakers: Geoff Dromey, Director of the Software Quality Institute of the Griffith University (Brisbane, Australia), Gianna Reggio, University of Genoa (Italy) and Davide Sangiorgi, University of Bologna (Italy).

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