Message from the Chairs
SER&IP 2015

We are very pleased to welcome you to the 2nd International Workshop on Software Engineering Research and Industrial Practice, held this year in Florence, Italy. The aim of our workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss the current state of Software Engineering (SE) research and Industrial Practice (IP), and advance collaboration to reduce the gap between research and practice. Thanks to the strong contributions of the paper authors, we have been able to put together an exciting day with excellent prospects for achieving that goal.

Our format for the workshop includes a mix of short and long papers, in order to facilitate inclusion of presenters from both industry and academia, as well as a mix of mature collaborations and new ideas. Keeping with the goal of a more interactive workshop, ample time has been included for questions and answers on the presentations, as well as general discussion across all of the day’s technical content. An important emphasis of the workshop is on round table discussions, that is, brainstorming-oriented discussions among subgroups of workshops attendees. Aggregated discussion results will be edited in the form of a paper and, if possible, will be submitted for publication to an appropriate venue.

To seed the discussion, we have a very strong set of accepted papers. From 27 submissions, we selected 11 for presentation at the workshop, giving us an acceptance rate of 41%. All papers were reviewed by at least 2 PC members. Accepted papers represented contributions from Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, and the United States of America.

We’ve also included two thought-provoking keynote speakers, one from industry and one from academia, to set the underlying tone and important themes of our discussions. Pamela Zave (AT&T Laboratories), an ACM Fellow and an AT&T Fellow, represents industry and will present “The Power of Abstraction: The Case for Domain Modeling.” Jan Bosch (Chalmers University of Technology) represents academia with his talk on, “Accelerating Change at the Nordic Software Intensive Industry.” Both are trusted voices in the area, with many years of industry-academic collaborations to their credit.

We are particularly excited this year to be able to offer a best paper award sponsored by IEEE Software, the authority on translating software research and theory into practice. IEEE Software, working to bridge the gap between research and practice, shares some common goals with this workshop and we are pleased to be able to collaborate to highlight deserving work in this area. Our thanks to IEEE Software for this opportunity.

We’d also like to thank the members of the PC, who provided constructive reviews on time and hence made sure that our technical program came together. And we’d particularly like to thank all of the authors who took the time to share their experiences and insights, making for a very constructive day and helping build this community of people who value collaborations between research and practice.

We thank you for attending the workshop and participating, and hope that you the event stimulating and enjoyable.

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