Welcome Message

Welcome to SPLC 2008, the 12th Software Product Line Conference. SPLC is the premier forum for practitioners, researchers and educators to present and discuss experiences, ideas, innovations as well as concerns in the area of software product lines. It looks back on a history of a successful exchange of ideas and cooperation among product line practitioners and researchers on product line techniques, methods, and tools. The objective of SPLC 2008 is to continue this dialogue.

The technical program of SPLC 2008 features a diverse mixture of keynotes, technical paper presentations, panels as well as technical demonstrations and poster presentations. In addition, we offer a variety of tutorials and workshops on product line technologies, and also host again the SPLC Doctoral Symposium. Finally, SPLC would not be the same without its Product Line Hall of Fame.

We received over 100 technical paper submissions - an achievement due to the enthusiastic support and dedication of the program committee and program board. Our sincere gratitude is extended to each and every member for her/his effort in recruiting high quality submissions - and for reviewing and selecting them. We would also like to thank all authors and contributors. Without their willingness to publish and share their work SPLC 2008 would not have been possible. Special thanks go to the program board members for attending the board meeting held in Basking Ridge, NJ, and for their help in the final selection. SPLC 2008 has accepted 24 research papers and 9 experience reports, giving an acceptance rate of 30% for each category. In addition, the program board has selected the best paper of SPLC 2008, and we are very happy to congratulate the authors, J. White, D.C. Schmidt, D. Benavides, P. Trinidad, and A. Ruiz-Cortes.

Our gratitude is also extended to the organization committee. In particular, we would like to thank Paul Clements (panel chair), Frank van der Linden (tutorial chair), Steffen Thiel (workshop chair), and Juha-Pekka Tolvanen (demonstration and poster chair) for helping to complete the exciting technical program of SPLC 2008. We hope it covers your interests, answers your questions, and inspires you for your future work in product line engineering. Topics range from enhancing and consolidating product line basics such as feature modeling and variability management to more future trends such as agile and model-based product line engineering. Special thanks go to David M. Weiss for chairing the Product Line Hall of Fame and to Klaus Schmid for organizing the SPLC Doctoral Symposium. We are also indebted to Muhammad Ali Babar for his continuous effort in publicising SPLC 2008 and to Susan Mitchell for taking on the nitty-gritty of finances. Their help in all stages of the organization process proved invaluable.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our keynote speakers, David L. Parnas and Luc Koch, for agreeing to share their wealth of ideas and experiences with the rest of the community. We are certain that you can look forward to two exciting, thrilling, entertaining, and certainly informative keynotes.

We hope you will enjoy the technical program that we have put together for you, as well as the beautiful city of Limerick!

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