Usability and accessibility issues are common causes why software fails to meet user requirements. However, requirements engineers still focus on functional requirements and might ignore to also elicit system usability and accessibility requirements. Improving the usability and accessibility of a system in a later development stage is costly and time consuming.

We would like to welcome you to the First International Workshop on Usability and Accessibility Focused Requirements Engineering (UsARE 2012) where we are targeting these issues. The workshop provides a platform for discussions to address the proper integration of system usability and accessibility requirements into the software engineering process. UsARE 2012 focuses on both Human Computer Interaction (HCI) and Requirement Engineering (RE). Researchers and practitioners were invited to submit contributions including problem statements, technical solutions, experience reports, planned work and vision papers. Each submission was reviewed by three program committee (PC) members, which lead to a total number of seven accepted papers in all categories. We are grateful for the time and effort the PC members spent in the selection process. The workshop program has been divided into three sessions for paper presentations and one interactive session where participants will get the chance to explore and share ideas and experiences about solved and unsolved problems. Your attendance in the workshop will provide the opportunity for joint discussions to bridge the gap between HCI and RE and to go beyond existing work in these fields.

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