Guest Editor’s Introduction: 2002 Conference on the Foundations of Software Engineering

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This issue contains extended versions of six of the best papers from the ACM SIGSOFT 2002 Conference on the Foundations of Software Engineering, held in lovely Charleston, South Carolina, in November 2002. The selection of papers to invite for extended submissions was made by the FSE 2002 Program Committee at the completion of the conference. Thus, the PC had seen the final, published versions of the papers, as well as seen the talks and participated on the ensuing discussions at the conference. Serving as a guest associate editor, each paper’s review process was overseen by a member of the PC. Each submission was reviewed anonymously by three peers in the research community, selected by the associate guest editor.

The high quality of the papers published here is the result of the authors’ hard work, the dedication of the guest associate editors:

- Matthew Dwyer, Kansas State University;
- Michael Ernst, MIT Laboratory for Computer Science,
- John Field, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center;
- Martin Glinz, University of Zurich;
- André van der Hoek, University of California, Irvine;
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