Program Chairs’ Message

It is a pleasure to welcome you to ESEM 2007. The ISESE and Metrics symposia have just merged and the 2007 symposium will be the first combined International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement (ESEM’07). This year the symposium is being held in Madrid, the Capital City of Spain.

From 107 submitted papers, 44 papers have been accepted. The selection was based on more than 300 reviews carried out by an international program committee consisting of 65 people from 14 different countries. We also counted on the help of 47 additional reviewers.

This years’ program includes a selection of papers covering a broad range of empirical software engineering and measurement aspects. There are papers reporting results of empirical studies of testing and validation, agile methods, architecture, software products, and software processes. Other papers address issues in prediction and estimation, of both software development effort and quality. There are also papers on fundamental issues in software metrics, including software data mining. Papers addressing research infrastructure issues such as experience management, experimental techniques, and systematic reviews are also part of the program.

In addition to paper sessions, we have two keynotes, as well as a selection of short papers and posters. The first keynote is given by Lionel Briand from the University of Oslo and Simula Research Laboratory, Norway and co-editor in chief of Empirical Software Engineering: An International Journal (Springer). The second keynote is given by Gregg Rothermel from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA.

We are very grateful to all the people who have made possible the development of this program: our program committee and additional reviewers – who had a difficult task in reviewing the many high quality papers submitted – as well as the rest of members of the organising committee (Stefan Biffl, Óscar Dieste, Andreas Jedlitschka, Natalia Juristo, Nachiappan Nagappan, and Murray Wood).

We hope that participants find the program of interest. We also hope that you have a fruitful conference, where you gain new ideas, make new contacts, connect and re-connect with colleagues. Our vision of this conference is as a hotbed of new ideas and collaborations that will impact future ESEM conferences.

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