Welcome to ICGSE 2008

The 3rd International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE-08) brings together researchers and practitioners interested in exploring how globally distributed teams work and how the challenges can be met. The previous conferences in Brazil and Germany attracted a wide audience from industry and academia. Continuing with this tradition, ICGSE-08 provides an opportunity to explore the current state of the art in the area of global software development as well as new thoughts and trends that will shape the future.

This year, we received 90 technical paper submissions and each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members. We selected 29 technical papers for inclusion in the proceedings, which comprises 18 research papers, 8 industrial practice papers, and 3 educational papers. We have also included a poster session, organized by Rafael Prikladnicki, to encourage informal discussions among participants on different topics of ongoing work. The technical program (August 18-20) is preceded by special events on August 17: tutorials, selected by Darja Smite; workshops, managed by Aravind Raman; the new Doctoral Symposium, chaired by Ita Richardson.

There will also be three keynote speakers who will enrich the technical program: K. Subrahmaniam, Head Global Operations of CSC-India Business unit; Thomas A. Finholt, research professor and director of the Collaboratory for Research on Electronic Work, University of Michigan; Deependra Moitra, Management Consultant & Venture Catalyst.

We would like to thank the authors for submitting their papers, the members of the Program Committee and external reviewers for their careful reviews, and the Steering Committee, chaired by Christof Ebert, for the support of the whole process. Our thanks also go to Alberto Avritzer, who managed the production of the final proceedings; Rakesh Singh, Chandrashekar Ramanathan and Anitha PC, for organizing local arrangements and providing support to the General Chair; Raghvinder Sangwan, who managed the conference finances; Ali Babar, for promoting the conference; Domenico Gendarmi, who maintained the conference web site; and Richard van de Stadt, who provided support to the paper submission and review process.

ICGSE-08 is hosted in the vibrant city of Bangalore, popularly referred to as the "garden city" and the "silicon valley" of India, the heart of the global software industry in the country, and home to many of its premier research institutions. Enjoy your stay.

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