Foreword

The 34th IEEE Software Engineering Workshop, the longest-continually-running Software Engineering event in the world, was held at the University of Limerick, Ireland, 20-21 June 2011. SEW-2011 (http://www.seworkshop.org/SEW-34/Home.html) was co-located with FM-2011 under Conference General Chair Michael G. Hinchey (University of Limerick) and hosted by the University of Limerick.

The general aim of the workshop is to bring the software engineering community together. The workshop traditionally attracts industrial and government practitioners and academics pursuing the advancement of software engineering principles and techniques. In fulfilling its general purpose, the workshop provides a forum for reporting on past experiences, for describing new and emerging results and techniques, and for exchanging ideas on best practices and future directions. Regular papers presented in SEW-2011 were grouped in sessions entitled:

- Requirements Specification & Analysis
- Software Quality Assurance
- Software Development and Maintenance
- Software Reuse

A special session of invited papers was entitled “Simplification Through Change of Perspective”, which presented ideas on simplifying software engineering.

The social highlight for the overall conference was a marvelous Banquet at Knappogue Castle organized by Mike Hinchey for all SEW-2011 participants. The continuous fits of laughter among the attendees during the evening’s hilarious entertainment that was provided by the castle staff will be long remembered, along with the excellent food.

The SEW-2011 post-proceedings has been published by IEEE CS Press on CD-ROM only. Your comments on this mode of publication would be welcomed.

We would like to thank the University of Limerick, as the conference host, for the excellent facilities and coordination for this event and for the friendliness and helpfulness of the support staff. As well, we would like to thank everyone who attended SEW-2011 or submitted a paper for the workshop. We are grateful to the members of the Program Committee for their efforts in reviewing submitted papers. We especially would like to thank Mike Hinchey for his superior organizational prowess and ability to orchestrate the many elements required for a successful conference event, and for giving us the opportunity to help organize SEW-2011.

We hope the proceedings of SEW-2011 will prove useful and interesting to you.

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