Welcome from the Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Riva del Garda (Trento), Italy for the 14th IEEE International Symposium on Web Systems Evolution (WSE 2012). Since its inception in 1999, the Web Systems Evolution series of events have provided a forum for researchers and practitioners to present original work and discuss issues and new solutions on subjects related to the disciplined evolution of large-scale websites and complex Web applications. This year WSE had a special emphasis on testing – a particularly important and historically under-served area of interest.

As in the past, this edition of WSE is co-located with the International Conference on Software Maintenance (ICSM), which takes place in Riva del Garda on September 23–30, 2012. The quality of the papers that the Symposium has attracted over the years, and its impact to the community, is due in part to sponsorship from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society that the Symposium gratefully recognizes.

This year we received 28 submissions from 17 different countries across Africa, America, Asia, and Europe. Papers underwent a very rigorous reviewing process: three reviewers reviewed each paper, and a discussion was held when there was not a consensus on the overall evaluation of a work. In the end, the Program Chairs accepted 5 full papers (18% acceptance rate) and 11 short papers. The technical program of WSE 2012 includes sessions featuring crucial aspects of Web systems evolution, such as Web systems analysis and comprehension, Security, Web 2.0 technologies, Web applications reengineering, Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA), Education, testing of Web applications and systems, and Model-Driven Development.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible to organize this year’s Symposium. We are grateful to the members of the Program Committee who worked hard and delivered their reviews in a timely manner. We would also thank the organizers of the host conference of ICSM 2012, in particular the General Chair, Paolo Tonella, and the Finance Chair, Michael Collard, for the help they provided in once again co-locating WSE with the world’s leading software maintenance conference.

We hope you will enjoy the technical and social program of WSE 2012 in the wonderful town of Riva del Garda and its lovely surroundings.

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