

## Preface

These proceedings contain the papers accepted for presentation at the First European Semantic Web Symposium (ESWS 2004) held on Crete, Greece, May 10–12, 2004.

Given its status as an inaugural event, the organizers were delighted to receive 79 high-quality submissions. Most papers were reviewed by at least three referees, with the review results coordinated by the academic and industrial track chairs. In total, 27 papers were accepted for the academic track and 6 papers were accepted for the industrial track. The papers span a wide range of topics from the Semantic Web area, from infrastructure and ontology engineering to applications.

The high quality of this symposium is due to the efforts of many people. Jos de Bruijn in particular worked hard in a number of areas, including submissions management, publicity and the poster program. We would also like to thank Martin Doerr for local arrangements, Johannes Breitfuss for the WWW site, the Program Committee and additional reviewers for their invaluable support and the sponsors for their financial support.

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