

Preface

The software process community has developed a wide range of process modeling languages and tools, and methods and techniques to support process management, design, and improvement. The focus of this workshop on software process technology, the eighth in its series, was on the meeting point between software process technology (concepts, languages, tools, methods, techniques) and the practical application of this technology to achieve demonstrable effects on the quality of software products and processes.

During the last workshop, the one held in Kaprun, the participants were engaged in a lively discussion about continuing this series, started in 1990 as an opportunity for the European community to meet and discuss the issues of the emerging discipline of software process. The final decision was to move along this road with an open attitude towards the emerging issues of mobility, distribution, architecture, and new technologies. It was also decided to confirm the attention and the interest on case studies and experiments. Based on these assumptions, the call for papers was prepared and made public.

The response from the scientific community was encouraging: 31 papers were submitted from 13 nations of 4 continents. The program committee selected 18 papers that were formally presented during the workshop in 5 sessions devoted to process evolution, experiences, mobility and distribution, UML process patterns, and process improvement. A keynote speech was given by Frank Leymann on the theme of Web services and their composition.

The preparation of this workshop was successful due to the timely and professional work of the members of the Program Committee: Giovanni A. Cignoni, Reidar Conradi, Pierre-Yves Cunin, Volker Gruhn, Nazim Madhavji, Leon J. Osterweil, Wilhelm Schäfer, and Brian Warboys. Volker Gruhn, as general chair, together with his team made a splendid job of the local organization. Finally, we acknowledge the editorial support from Springer, for the publication of these proceedings.

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