

Preface

During the last two decades we have seen tremendous developments within software engineering research and practice. The ever increasing complexity of software systems and the revolutionary development in the Internet have led to many interesting challenges and opportunities for new developments in Software Process Technology.

Started in 1990, the primary goal of the European Workshops on Software Process Technology is to achieve better understanding of the state-of-the-art on all issues related to software process technology, including (but not limited to): process modeling languages, computer-supported process description, analysis, reuse, refinement and enactment, process monitoring, measurement, management, improvement and evolution, process enactment engines, tools, and environments. Besides the technical viewpoint, the workshops have also taken into account human and social dimensions in software process enactment.

The 9th European Workshop on Software Process Technology (EWSPT-9) provided an international forum for researchers and practitioners from academia and industry to discuss a wide range of topics in the area of software process technology, and to jointly formulate an agenda for future research in this field.

The Program Committee met in Portland, Oregon, USA during ICSE 2003, to select the papers for inclusion in the proceedings. Twelve papers (eleven research papers and one position paper) were selected out of 25 submissions from 12 countries (Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, Finland, France, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Spain, UK, USA). All submissions were reviewed by three members of the Program Committee. Papers were selected based on originality, quality, soundness and relevance to the workshop. In addition, the program included an invited talk by Volker Gruhn (University of Leipzig, Germany). Credit for the quality of the proceedings goes to all authors of the papers.

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