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Message from the Chairs

The accepted papers from the insights and research at work stages at Agile2011 are documented in the IEEE digital library. We are proud to present a set of high-quality papers, focusing on a variety of aspects such as lean software development, collaboration, explanations of agile methods, user-centered design, how agile practices can be spread, how to keep them effective, how various teams have combined agile and lean practices, and how decision making is done on agile projects.

The Insights stage received 64 submissions, including several that were recommended from other stages. Only 28 submissions were accepted for shepherding. This limit was due to the number of shepherds and the number of submissions each shepherd was able to adopt. Over two months, authors of accepted proposals completely wrote and revised their insights papers with helpful comments and review by their shepherds. After two months of intense interaction between insights authors and shepherds, 26 finished papers were accepted for publication in the IEEE proceedings and for presentation at the conference.

We truly appreciate the hard work of all authors and shepherds who worked through many iterations of feedback. The idea for this stage originated with Hakan Erdogmus and Rebecca Wirfs-Brock. Thanks to them for continuing this sharing of experience reports. A best paper award will be given to one submission from this stage and the author will be invited to revise their insights paper and publish it in IEEE Software.

For the Research at Work stage we received in total 31 papers, 24 full papers and 7 workshop contributions. We rejected 4 full papers without review, the rest went through a double-blind review process. Thirteen papers were selected for presentation at the conference. For the New ideas and Emerging Results workshop, we accepted four, and further invited four of the rejected full papers to shorten their contribution. In addition, we got one workshop contribution transferred from another stage.

We are very grateful to the program committee members, who along with additional reviewers wrote 94 reviews for the research papers, four for each full paper, and two for each workshop contribution. In addition, we would like to thank Johanna Hunt and Sallyann Freudenberg for assistance in organizing the research at work track, and to Noura Abbas for offering help as an additional reviewer. Further, Laurie Williams has been our main contact point in the Agile2011 organization, and we would like to thank her for adjustments to the program which this year allows research papers to be presented with experience reports organized by topic. We are also very grateful to Hakan Erdogmus for involving us in organizing the research at work track, and for being open to all new ideas. The best research paper will receive an award from IEEE Software, and authors of the top papers will be invited to revise their contribution for a special issue in Journal of Systems and Software.

We hope you will enjoy reading the papers documenting what was presented at Agile2011.

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