

CoopIS 2009 – PC Co-chairs’ Message

Welcome to the 17th International Conference on Cooperative Information Systems (CoopIS 2009).

This year CoopIS was held in Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal, during November 3–5, 2009.

Cooperative information systems (CISs) are the basic component of the information management infrastructure that supports much of what we do in the world. It happens to inherit challenging problems from many disciplines, the solutions to which are early in the food chain of innovation in computer science. The CIS domain includes enterprise integration and interoperability, distributed systems technologies, middleware, business process management (BPM), and Web and service computing architectures and technologies.

The CoopIS conferences provide a long-lived forum for exchanging ideas and results on scientific research from a variety of areas, such as business process and state management, collaborative systems, electronic commerce, human–computer interaction, Internet data management and strategies, distributed systems, and software architectures. As a prime international forum for cooperative information systems and applications, we encourage the participation of both researchers and practitioners, aimed at facilitating exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas and support of technology deployment and transfer.

We are very pleased to share the proceedings comprising the exciting technical program with you. This year’s conference included seven full-paper research sessions, two short-paper research sessions and one panel. The program covered a broad range of topics in the design and development of cooperative information systems: business process technologies, business process tracing, distributed process management, Web services, e-service management, schema matching, workflow, and business applications. We were very pleased to have Wolfgang Prinz as our keynote speaker.

This high-quality program would not have been possible without the authors who chose CoopIS as a venue to submit their publications to, and the Program Committee members who dedicated their efforts and time to the review and the online PC meeting discussions. We received about 80 submissions from 35 countries. Every paper received at least three independent reviews. Through a careful two-phase review process, consisting of PC members’ independent reviews and online PC meeting discussions, 20 full papers and 9 short papers were selected and included in this year’s technical program. We are grateful for the dedication and excellent job of the CoopIS 2009 PC members, who are experts in the field.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Daniel Meersman and Jan Demey for their hard work, enthusiasm, and almost constant availability. Daniel and Jan were critical in facilitating the paper management process and making sure that the review process stayed on track. We would also like to thank the General Chairs of OTM, Robert Meersman, Tharam Dillon and Pilar Herrero, for their support. They provided leadership and infrastructure for

the consolidated conference/workshop enterprise. CoopIS benefits greatly from the larger mature structure of OTM. Tharam additionally handled the duties of marshalling the paper review process, and is due special thanks.

The Publicity and Sponsorship Chair, Ana-Cecilia Martinez, has our appreciation for her efforts. The OTM support team (Daniel Meersman, Jan Demey) worked behind the scenes performing the many tasks that move things along. Our deepest thanks go to the members of the PC, who worked tight deadlines, providing the technical guidance that can be clearly seen in the quality of the papers.

And finally, we wish to thank the authors. This challenging and important field is contributing to the general well-being and health of many enterprises. Your work is appreciated.

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