

# DOA 2009 – PC Co-chairs’ Message

On behalf of all those involved, we would like to welcome you to the proceedings of the 11th International Symposium on Distributed Objects, Middleware and Applications (DOA 2009), held in the Algarve, Portugal, November 2009.

Over the years, the DOA conferences have been an excellent venue to showcase cutting-edge research and development that is happening in both academia and industry. This nice blending of short-term and long-term work has allowed us to see presentations on Web services, cloud computing, virtualization, SOA and other topics that have often foretold the evolutions in these important areas. In this regard, DOA has always managed to get the right combination of the theoretical and practical aspects of a wide range of topics, laying the groundwork for researchers to address new challenges in the years to come. In fact it is interesting to consider earlier DOA conference papers and their direct impact on those submissions that came afterwards.

Previous DOA conferences have stood at the forefront of showcasing real-world experiences of researchers, whether academic or industrial.

This year is certainly no different, with papers covering topics as diverse as dependency injection and Grid computing. Contributions covering experience, practice and research have been particularly encouraged, with student papers and those discussing early results also accepted where they were considered to be sufficiently important to a wider audience.

The quality of submissions this year has been extremely high, making the selection process more difficult than usual. All of the papers passed through a rigorous selection process, with at least three reviewers per paper and much discussion on the relative merits of accepting each paper throughout the process. As such we must thank the diligent work of all of the authors, whether or not your paper was accepted: the quality of the conference is down to you so please keep up the great work. In fact this year we had so many excellent submissions that we decided to accept 21 of the original 57 submissions.

Finally, we are grateful to the dedicated work of the experts in the field from all over the world who served on the Program Committee and whose names appear in the proceedings. Special thanks go to the external organizers for the event. The proceedings you hold in your hand are testament to the hard work that everyone has put into DOA. We hope you enjoy them and consider submitting something in the future.

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