

ODBASE 2009 – PC Co-chairs’ Message

Welcome to the proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Ontologies, Databases, and Applications of Semantics (ODBASE 2009) held in Algarve, Portugal, November 2–4, 2009.

The ODBASE conferences provide a forum for the sharing of original research results and practical development experiences in the areas of ontologies, databases, and applications of data semantics. This year we announced a special theme of ”Semantics in Complex Event Processing” combining two current and important research areas. Our keynote speaker, Alejandro P. Buchmann, is one of the leading researchers in the field of complex event processing and his keynote lecture tied in research and applications, complex event processing and semantics. In addition, one of the research sessions this year was devoted to semantics in complex event processing.

We received 65 submissions out of which we selected 16 full papers, 9 short papers, and 7 posters. Main topics of this year were: ontology management, ontology applications, heterogeneity management, knowledge bases, and last but not least, our special theme of semantics in complex event processing.

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