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# Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 8th IFIP International Conference on Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems (FMOODS 2006). The conference was held in Bologna, Italy, 14-16 June 2006, as part of the federated multiconference DisCoTec (Distributed Computing Techniques), together with the 8th International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION) and the 6th IFIP International Conference on Distributed Applications and Interoperable Systems (DAIS). DisCoTec was organized by the Department of Computer Science of the University of Bologna.

Established in 1996, the FMOODS series of conferences aims to provide an integrated forum for research on formal aspects of open object-based distributed systems. The FMOODS 2006 especially attracted novel contributions reflecting recent developments in the area, such as component- and model-based design, service-oriented computing, and software quality. Some more specific topics of interest were: semantics and implementation of object-oriented programming and (visual) modelling languages; formal techniques for specification, design, analysis, verification, validation and testing; formal methods for service-oriented computing; and integration of quality of service requirements into formal models.

These proceedings contain a selection of 16 research contributions, out of 51 submissions, which went through a rigorous review process by international reviewers. We therefore owe special thanks to all members of the Program Committee, and their sub-referees, for the excellent work they have done in the short time they had.

Additionally, these proceedings include three invited papers by Pierpaolo Degano (University of Pisa), José Luiz Fiadeiro (University of Leicester) and Davide Sangiorgi (University of Bologna).

Finally, our thanks go to the Organizing Committee of the DisCoTec federated conference, chaired by Gianluigi Zavattaro, for the excellent work done and for the support they gave in managing the submission system by Philippe Rigaux. We also gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Department of Computer Science of the University of Bologna and from the EU-project SENSORIA.

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