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Preface

Welcome to the proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Software Business (ICSOB 2019). This year, ICSOB celebrated its tenth anniversary and returned to Jyväskylä, Finland where the conference series was started in 2010. Jyväskylä is a vibrant university city located in the heart of the beautiful Finnish lake district. The host organization, University of Jyväskylä, is a highly esteemed multidisciplinary university with six faculties, and its Faculty of Information Technology is known for research on computational sciences, software and telecommunications technology, information systems, cognitive science, and educational technology. Additionally, the research of cyber security, computational thinking, and decision-making crosscut all areas mentioned.

For the tenth anniversary of the conference we selected the conference theme “The First Decade and Beyond” and welcomed submissions summarizing the development during the past decade, addressing the future of software-intensive business, as well as studies on new and emerging ideas. Software is pervasively crosscutting all industries and it is nowadays hard to name a business field which has not been revolutionized by software products and services. While software business has a number of similarities with other knowledge-intensive fields, it still has unique features, which has made it a challenging domain for research.

For ICSOB 2019, we received 52 submissions from all over the world. The papers went through a thorough competitive review process by at least three expert reviewers for each paper. The Program Committee deliberated over all the reviews and accepted 18 full and 10 short paper. The accepted papers follow various methodologies and represent the diversity in our research community.

The proceedings open with a keynote presentation paper by Professor Jan Bosch (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden) on “From Efficiency to Effectiveness: Delivering Business Value Through Software,” which provides an overview of trends changing the software-intensive business in the industry as well as presents the requirements for successful digital transformation. Both the second keynote by Dr. Xiaofeng Wang (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy): “The Rise of Software Startup Research: an In-sider’s View” and the third keynote by Professor Slinger Jansen (Utrecht University, the Netherlands): “There’s no Business like Software Business: Trends in Software Intensive Business Research” discuss the development and trends in software-intensive business research which excellently pave the way for the versatile and multidisciplinary contents of the ICSOB proceedings. We have organized the papers according to the following themes: Software Ecosystems, Management of Software Products, Continual Improvement and Product Development, Impacts of Digitalization, Software Business Education, Software Startups, and Digital Business.

ICSOB 2019 brought together researchers and practitioners to share their findings and experiences from the field of software-intensive business in academic paper

sessions but also in more practice-oriented tutorials and workshops. Tutorials sparked discussions on e.g. the current situation in artificial intelligence, ethics research and practice, as well as guidelines and principles. Workshops continued to delve into emerging fields, artificial intelligence technologies, and their implications on both small and large organizations. Additionally, we learned about software business practices in the Asian context.

As Program Committee chairs, we would like to thank the members of the Program Committee and the additional reviewers for their efforts in evaluating the submissions and ensuring the high quality of the conference. The efforts of the Steering and Organizing Committees and all the chairs were of enormous value in building a successful conference. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the scholars who submitted papers to the conference, all the authors who presented papers, and to the audience, who participated in very inspirational discussions during the conference.

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