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# Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 33rd IFIP International Conference on Testing Software Systems (ICTSS 2021). This event is a well-established conference of Working Group 6.1 of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP). The conference was organized at University College London in the UK but conducted online because of the prevalence of the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The conference took place during November 10–11, 2021.

ICTSS addresses multiple topics related to software systems, ranging from theoretical concepts for testing to practical testing frameworks. These include communication protocols, services, distributed computing, embedded systems, cyber-physical systems, security, infrastructure evaluation, applications of artificial intelligence to testing, and more. The conference engages both academic researchers and industrial practitioners, providing a forum for reviews and discussions on new contributions to the testing field in the form of methodologies, theories, tools, and use cases.

This year, the conference received a total of 36 submissions consisting of regular papers, short papers, and project reports. From these submissions 10 were accepted as full papers, seven as short papers, and six as project reports. These papers cover multiple topics including artificial intelligence in testing, security of programs, monitoring and performance, and use cases. In this edition there is a strong emphasis on Finite State Machine (FSM)-based testing.

ICTSS 2021 created a forum to share experiences between existing research projects related to the conference topics. Projects from both academia and industry were represented and several European funded projects were brought to the discussion table, hopefully seeding future collaborations among the attendees. Reports from some of these are presented in the appendix.

We want to thank University College London for support in organizing the conference, the authors who submitted their insightful contributions, the reviewers who provided their time and expertise and helped to ensure the quality of the accepted papers, the session chairs who managed the sessions, the keynote speakers, Mohammad Reza Mousavi and Konstantin (Kostya) Serebryany, and, finally, the Program Committee for their participation and advice along with the local organization team for running the conference and handling every specific detail.

We would like to thank the ICTSS Steering Committee who gave support and advice when decisions were tricky. We especially thank Ilaria Pia de la Torre, Dan Blackwell, Dan Bruce, Afnan Alsubaihin, and Bill Langdon from the Organizing Committee who underpinned the conference organization and were always available to solve problems, whether of advertising, finance, the webpage, the online delivery platform, or technical support during the conference. In addition we would like to thank IFIP for their ongoing support for this and earlier conferences in the series, as well as our publishers, Springer.

On behalf of the ICTSS 2021 organizers, we hope that you find the conference proceedings useful, interesting, and challenging.

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