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# Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at SAFECOMP 2017, the 36th International Conference on Computer Safety, Reliability, and Security, held in Trento, Italy, in September 2017.

The European Workshop on Industrial Computer Systems, Technical Committee 7 on Reliability, Safety, and Security (EWICS TC7), established the SAFECOMP conference series in 1979. It has since then contributed considerably to the progress of the state of the art of dependable computer systems and their application in safety-related and safety-critical systems, for the benefit of industry, transport, space systems, health, energy production and distribution, communications, smart environments, buildings, and living. It covers all areas of dependable systems in the “Smart World of Things”, influencing our everyday life. Embedded systems, cyber-physical systems, (industrial) Internet of Things, autonomous systems, systems-of-systems, safety and cybersecurity, digital society and transformation are some of the keywords. For all the upcoming megatrends, safety, reliability, and security are indispensable – SAFECOMP addresses them properly from a technical, engineering, and scientific point of view, showing its increasing relevance for today’s technology advancements.

We received a good number of high-quality submissions (65), and the international Program Committee, more than 50 members from 14 countries, worked hard to select 22 for presentation and for publication in the SAFECOMP 2017 proceedings (Springer LNCS 10488). The review process was thorough with at least three reviewers with ensured independency. Three renowned speakers from the international community were invited to give a keynote: Marcel Verhoef, “From Documents to Models: Towards Digital Continuity”; John McDermid, “Safety of Autonomy: Challenges and Strategies”; and Radu Grosu, “CPS/IoT: Drivers of the Next IT Revolution”. As in previous years, the conference was organized as a single-track event, allowing intensive networking during breaks and social events, and participation in all presentations and discussions.

This year we had again five high-quality workshops in parallel the day before the main conference, ASSURE, DECSoS, SASSUR, TELERISE (for the first time co-located with SAFECOMP), and TIPS. These workshops differed according to the topic, goals, and organizing group(s), and are published in a separate SAFECOMP workshop proceedings volume (LNCS 10489).

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all those who contributed to making this conference possible: the authors of submitted papers and the invited speakers; the Program Committee members and external reviewers; EWICS and the

supporting organizations; and last but not least, the Local Organization Committee, who took care of the local arrangements, and the Publication Chair for finalizing this volume.

We hope that the reader will find these proceedings interesting and stimulating.

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## **Invited Talks**

# Safety of Autonomy: Challenges and Strategies

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**Abstract.** Robots and autonomous systems have been in use for some time - for example in factories and in urban railways. However there is now an unprecedented level of activity in robotics and autonomy, with applications ranging from domestic and healthcare robots to driverless cars. Whilst, in some cases, safety is being assessed thoroughly, in many situations these applications cannot effectively be addressed using standard methods. Challenges include demonstrating the safety of artificial intelligence (AI), especially learning or adaptive systems and the effectiveness of image analysis and scene understanding. At a broader level there are difficulties for standards and regulations that, in some cases, have historically sought to exclude the use of AI. The talk will discuss some of these challenges and consider solution strategies, including approaches to dynamic assessment of safety.

# CPS/IoT: Drivers of the Next IT Revolution

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**Abstract.** Looking back at the time Bill Gates was one of his brilliant students, Christos Papadimitriou a Harvard professor and world-renowned computer scientist, concluded that one of the greatest challenges of the academic community is to recognising when an IT revolution is on its way. He did not see the PC revolution coming, but his student did. Since then several others happened, such as the Internet and the Mobiles revolutions. Another imminent one is in the making: The CPS/IoT revolution.

Cyber-physical systems (CPS) are spatially-distributed, time-sensitive, and multi-scale, networked embedded systems, connecting the physical world to the cyber world through sensors and actuators. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the backbone of CPS. It connects the swarm of Sensors and Actuators to the nearby Gateways through various protocols, and the Gateways to the Fog and the Cloud. The Fog resembles the human spine, providing fast and adequate response to imminent situations. The Cloud resembles the human brain, providing large storage and analytic capabilities.

Four pillars, Connectivity, Monitoring, Prediction, and Optimisation drive the CPS/IoT. The first two have been already enabled by the technological developments over the past years. The last two, are expected to radically change every aspect of our society,. The huge number of sensors to be deployed in areas such as manufacturing, transportation, energy and utilities, buildings and urban planning, health care, environment, or jointly in smart cities, will allow the collection of terabytes of information (Big-Data), which can be processed for predictive purposes. The huge number of actuators will enable the optimal control of these areas and drive market advantages.

Despite of all these optimistic predictions, a main question still lingers: Are we ready for the CPS/IoT revolution? In this talk, I will address the grand challenges that stand in our way, but also point out, the great opportunities of CPS/IoT.

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