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Preface

For the past 20 years the TOOLS conferences have continuously spread new technologies in the world of object-orientation, component technology and software engineering in general. They constitute a particularly important forum for software researchers and practitioners to present work that relies on producing tools.

This year's TOOLS continued the tradition and presented a strong program that included original contributions in all major fields of the object-oriented paradigm. As in TOOLS 2008, the concept of model occupied a considerable place; but other topics such as reflection, aspects, modelling languages, debugging, and virtual machines design were also strongly represented.

While most conferences had a decrease in the number of submitted papers, TOOLS made the choice of quality and decided to lower its acceptance rate to 25%, as a fixed maximum announced in the Call for Papers. Out of 67 submitted contributions, the reviewing process led to the selection of 17 as full papers. For the first time, two short papers were also accepted for presentation at the conference.

The 47th edition of the conference could not have seen the light without the numerous helpers that made it happen. The quality of the work of the Program Committee (PC) deserves particular acknowledgement; not only did the PC members work hard to produce helpful reviews on time, sometimes with the help of external referees, but extensive discussions followed the initial recommendations, leading to an excellent conference program and extensive advice to the authors. The Organizing Committee worked hard to schedule the events and make the conference a pleasant event. We take the opportunity to thank everyone who made this event happen in a way or another.

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