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Preface

The International Conference on Human-Centered Software Engineering (HCSE) is a single-track working conference which aims at bringing together researchers and practitioners interested in strengthening the scientific foundations of user interface design, examining the relationship between software engineering and human-computer interaction and on how to strengthen user-centered design as an essential part of the software engineering process.

HCSE 2012 was the fourth edition of a series of conferences promoted by the IFIP Working Group 13.2 on WG 13.2 Methodologies for User-Centered Systems Design. Traditionally, this conference is organized in conjunction with other conferences in the field of human-computer interaction. The first edition (HCSE 2007) was organized in Salamanca, Spain, in conjunction with the conference Engineering Interactive Systems (EIS). The second edition (HCSE 2008) was held in Pisa, Italy, with the, conference Task Models and Diagrams (TA-MODIA). The third edition (HCSE 2010) was organized in Reykjavik, Iceland, in conjunction with NordiCHI. For the first time, HCSE was organized as a standalone conference this year. The 2012 edition of HCSE was held in Toulouse, France, October 29–31 2012, at the Institute of Research of Informatics (IRIT), on the campus of the Paul Sabatier University (Toulouse III).

HCSE 2012 welcomed 12 full research papers (acceptance rate of 22%) and 14 short papers (acceptance rate of 33%) that are presented hereafter. This year, we improved the reviewing process by moving to two rounds of reviews. All contributions were first screened by the members of the international committee and received a set of suggestions for improving the submissions and a recommendation of likely accept/reject. Authors of contributions that received a recommendation of likely accept were then asked to send a rebuttal and a revised version of their contributions. Then, in a second round of reviews, a meta-reviewer screened the original version of the paper, the revised version, and the authors' rebuttal. The final decision took into account the way authors addressed the reviewers' comments, which included the edited paper and the argument in the rebuttal. This two-round review process requested extra work both from the authors and the reviewing committee and we are very thankful for all the efforts made. This procedure aimed to support scientific argumentation and guidance toward excellence in research and we believe that it fulfilled these goals. Our sincere gratitude goes to the members of our Program Committee, who devoted countless hours to ensure the high quality of the HCSE Conference.

We would like to thank Neville A. Stanton and Emilia Mendes, our keynotes, who accepted to give an inspiring speech at HCSE and for providing us with a written record that is also presented in these proceedings. In addition, sincere thanks must be extended to the local organizers, Veronique Debats and Sabine Lartigue, whose logistic support was essential to make this conference possible.

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