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Preface

This textbook comprises the proceedings of the 20th EuroSPI Conference, held during June 25–27, 2013, in Dundalk, Ireland.

Since EuroSPI 2010, we have extended the scope of the conference from software process improvement to systems, software and service-based process improvement. EMIRAcle is the institution for research in manufacturing and innovation, which came out as a result of the largest network of excellence for innovation in manufacturing in Europe. EMIRAcle key representatives joined the EuroSPI community, and papers as well as case studies for process improvement on systems and product level will be included in future.

Since 2008, EuroSPI partners have packaged SPI knowledge in job role training and established a European certification association (www.ecqa.org) to transport this knowledge across Europe using standardized certification and examination processes.

Conferences were held in Dublin (Ireland) in 1994, in Vienna (Austria) in 1995, in Budapest (Hungary) in 1997, in Gothenburg (Sweden) in 1998, in Pori (Finland) in 1999, in Copenhagen (Denmark) in 2000, in Limerick (Ireland) in 2001, in Nuremberg (Germany) in 2002, in Graz (Austria) in 2003, in Trondheim (Norway) in 2004, in Budapest (Hungary) in 2005, in Joensuu (Finland) in 2006, in Potsdam (Germany) in 2007, in Dublin (Ireland) in 2008, in Alcala (Spain) in 2009, in Grenoble (France) in 2010, in Roskilde (Denmark) in 2011, and in Vienna (Austria) in 2012.

EuroSPI is an initiative with the following major action lines http://www.eurospi.net:

- Establishing an annual EuroSPI conference supported by software process improvement networks from different EU countries
- Establishing an Internet-based knowledge library, newsletters, and a set of proceedings and recommended books
- Establishing an effective team of national representatives (from each EU-country) growing step by step into more countries of Europe
- Establishing a European Qualification Framework for a pool of professions related with SPI and management. This is supported by European certificates and examination systems

EuroSPI has established a newsletter series (newsletter.eurospi.net), the SPI Manifesto (SPI = Systems, Software and Services Process Improvement), an experience library (library.eurospi.net) that is continuously extended over the years and is made available to all attendees, and a Europe-wide certification for qualifications in the SPI area (www.ecqa.org, European Certification and Qualification Association).

A typical characterization of EuroSPI is reflected in a statement made by a company: "... the biggest value of EuroSPI lies in its function as a European knowledge and experience exchange mechanism for SPI and innovation."

Since its beginning in 1994 in Dublin, the EuroSPI initiative has outlined that there is not a single silver bullet with which to solve SPI issues, but that you need to understand a combination of different SPI methods and approaches to achieve concrete benefits. Therefore, each proceedings volume covers a variety of different topics, and at the conference we discuss potential synergies and the combined use of such methods and approaches. These proceedings contain selected research papers under seven headings:

• Section I: SPI Safety and Regulation Issues

• Section II: SPI Lifecycle and Models

• Section III: SPI Quality and Testing Issues

• Section IV: SPI Networks and Teams

• Section V: SPI and Reference Models

• Section VI: SPI and Implementation

• Section VII: Selected Key Notes and Workshop Papers

Section I presents three papers related to "SPI Safety and Regulation Issues." Nevalainen et al. discuss formal assessment techniques applied to safety-critical systems. Mayer et al. highlight issues of risk management processes in the context of telecommunications regulation, and Flood et al. approach these issues from a medical device perspective dealing with the ISO 62366 standard.

Section II presents three papers under the umbrella topic of "SPI Lifecycle and Models." Firstly, Monasor et al. describe a feasibility study simulating global software development processes for use in education. Winkler et al. identify risks, challenges, and candidate solutions to identify how to bridge the gap from research to industry. The final paper of this section by Krishnamurthy and O'Connor presents an analysis of the software development processes of open source e-learning systems.

Section III presents papers related to "SPI Quality and Testing Issues." In the first paper, Toroi et al. present the first official version of SAWO, a functional defect classification scheme developed to enable the usage of defect data for SPI purposes. Petrova-Antonova et al. propose an approach based on a fault injection technique for generation and execution of fault tolerance test cases, which is automated through the implementation of two software tools for fault injection and test case generation and execution. In the final paper, Gabriel Alberto García-Mireles et al. describe a framework to support software quality trade-offs from a process-based perspective.

Section IV explores the theme of "SPI Networks and Teams." In the first paper Jermakovics explains that collaboration is important to software development processes and collaboration networks help us understand its structure and patterns. Ponisio et al. present an approach that uses techniques from network analysis to support organizations in processing and understanding this information. In the third paper, Petri Kettunen discusses the many facets of high-performing software teams and takes a capability-based analysis approach to investigating teams.

Section V presents three contributions dealing with associated issues surrounding the topic of "SPI and Reference Models." In the first paper, Jeners and Lichter take an automated comparison approach to the smart integration of process improvement reference models. In the second paper, Fricker et al. examine how an existing reference model can be tailored to a domain it has not been designed for initially, in this instance the healthcare sector. In a second paper from Jeners et al., the authors describe mapping in the complex world of software processes with the context of software development projects and discuss their initial mapping efforts.

Section VI discusses issues in "SPI and Implementation." In the first paper, Sussy Bayona et al. review the critical success factors related to people in software process improvement. In the second paper, de Souza Cavalcanti Rocha et al. present a proposal for the improvement predictability of cost using earned value management and quality data. In the final paper of this section, Munoz et al. discuss the involvement of stakeholders in software processes improvement to reduce change resistance.

Section VII presents selected keynotes from EuroSPI workshops concerning the future of SPI. From 2010 onwards, EuroSPI invites recognized key researchers to present work on new future directions of SPI. These key messages are discussed in interactive workshops and help create SPI communities based on new topics.

Five invited papers concerning "Agile Development Paradigms" discuss experiences with the adoption of agile development paradigms in software engineering and in product developments for the market, as well as how SPICE-based assessment methods need to be tailored to accept agile approaches in capability assessments. Schweigert et al. discuss the needs for an agile maturity model and analyze how maturity models would really measure agility. The paper by Schweigert, Ekssir-Monfared, and Ofner describes an approach to forming an agile management process and uses the example of a Test SPICE implementation to outline how this would work. Papatheocharous and Andreou describe how agile approaches have been adopted in organizations based on an empirical analysis. Laanti et al. discuss the different interpretations of agile approaches, since teams who implemented agile approaches in projects have placed emphasis on different key issues in the past. In the next paper, de Amescua et al. outline how agile software developments are adopted in application areas where the products are used in a large market.

Three invited papers concerning "Creating Environments Supporting Innovation and Improvement" illustrate that SPI is inherently linked to innovation and that innovation requires a transfer of ideas to an exploitation, a strategy for valorization of new ideas and products or services, and an understanding of a networking on a multicultural scale. Sheriff et al. analyze the relationship between innovation, value creation, and the sustainability of values created, and they view the understanding of this relationship as a driver for innovation. Marek Gavenda et al. outline that the sustainability of an innovation is inherently linked

with entrepreneurship and describe a set of competencies needed to achieve this. Finally, Georgiadou and Siakas propose defining valorization as a process and implementing an innovation- and valorization-specific maturity model for continuous improvement of the valorization process.

One invited paper concerning "SPI and Measurement" by Thomas Fehlmann and Eberhard Kranich illustrates that Six Sigma is not just a tool for production capability but that it can also be applied for software development using the mobile phone application development as an example.

Four invited papers on "Risk Management and Functional Safety" illustrate experiences from the medical device and automotive industry in the implementation of recent risk management and functional safety standards. Finnegan, McCaffery, and Coleman describe an assurance and assessment framework for networked medical devices integrating the concepts from ISO/IEC 15504 with medical device standards. Messnarz et al. describe experiences with the implementation of functional safety standards in the automotive industry and what level of know-how is needed by functional safety managers and functional safety engineers to effectively implement risk management and functional safety. Kreiner et al. describe a new initiative of automotive clusters in Europe with an integrated view of product development and process quality based on ISO/IEC 15504 (Automotive SPICE), Lean Six Sigma, and functional safety standards. Finally, Botond Tényi et al. describe experiences in the implementation of risk management in a leading medical device engineering company.

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Recommended Further Reading

In [1] the proceedings of three EuroSPI conferences were integrated into one book, which was edited by 30 experts in Europe. The proceedings of EuroSPI 2005 to 2011 have been published by Springer in [2], [3], [4], [5], [6] [7] [8] and [9], respectively.

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