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Foreword

ETAPS 2005 was the eighth instance of the *European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software*. ETAPS is an annual federated conference that was established in 1998 by combining a number of existing and new conferences. This year it comprised five conferences (CC, ESOP, FASE, FOSSACS, TACAS), 17 satellite workshops (AVIS, BYTECODE, CEES, CLASE, CMSB, COCV, FAC, FESCA, FINCO, GCW-DSE, GLPL, LDTA, QAPL, SC, SLAP, TGC, UITP), seven invited lectures (not including those that were specific to the satellite events), and several tutorials. We received over 550 submissions to the five conferences this year, giving acceptance rates below 30% for each one. Congratulations to all the authors who made it to the final program! I hope that most of the other authors still found a way of participating in this exciting event and I hope you will continue submitting.

The events that comprise ETAPS address various aspects of the system development process, including specification, design, implementation, analysis and improvement. The languages, methodologies and tools which support these activities are all well within its scope. Different blends of theory and practice are represented, with an inclination towards theory with a practical motivation on the one hand and soundly based practice on the other. Many of the issues involved in software design apply to systems in general, including hardware systems, and the emphasis on software is not intended to be exclusive.

ETAPS is a loose confederation in which each event retains its own identity, with a separate program committee and proceedings. Its format is open-ended, allowing it to grow and evolve as time goes by. Contributed talks and system demonstrations are in synchronized parallel sessions, with invited lectures in plenary sessions. Two of the invited lectures are reserved for "unifying" talks on topics of interest to the whole range of ETAPS attendees. The aim of cramming all this activity into a single one-week meeting is to create a strong magnet for academic and industrial researchers working on topics within its scope, giving them the opportunity to learn about research in related areas, and thereby to foster new and existing links between work in areas that were formerly addressed in separate meetings.

ETAPS 2005 was organized by the School of Informatics of the University of Edinburgh, in cooperation with

- European Association for Theoretical Computer Science (EATCS);
- European Association for Programming Languages and Systems (EAPLS);
- European Association of Software Science and Technology (EASST).

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of these people and organizations, the program committee chairs and PC members of the ETAPS conferences, the organizers of the satellite events, the speakers themselves, the many reviewers, and Springer for agreeing to publish the ETAPS proceedings. Finally, I would like to thank the organizer of ETAPS 2005, Don Sannella. He has been instrumental in the development of ETAPS since its beginning; it is quite beyond the limits of what might be expected that, in addition to all the work he has done as the original ETAPS Steering Committee Chairman and current ETAPS Treasurer, he has been prepared to take on the task of organizing this instance of ETAPS. It gives me particular pleasure to thank him for organizing ETAPS in this wonderful city of Edinburgh in this my first year as ETAPS Steering Committee Chair.

Edinburgh, January 2005

Perdita Stevens
ETAPS Steering Committee Chair

Preface

This volume collects the proceedings of "Foundations of Software Science and Computation Structures," FOSSACS 2005. FOSSACS is a member conference of ETAPS, the "European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software," dedicated to foundational research for software science. It invites submissions on theories and methods to underpin the analysis, integration, synthesis, transformation, and verification of programs and software systems. Topics covered usually include: algebraic models; automata and language theory; behavioral equivalences; categorical models; computation processes over discrete and continuous data; computation structures; logics of programs; modal, spatial, and temporal logics; models of concurrent, reactive, distributed, and mobile systems; models of security and trust; language-based security; process algebras and calculi; semantics of programming languages; software specification and refinement; and type systems and type theory.

FOSSACS 2005 consisted of one invited and 30 contributed papers, selected out of 108 submissions, yielding an acceptance rate of less than 28%. The quality of the manuscripts was very high indeed, and the Program Committee had to reject several deserving ones. Besides making for a strong 2005 program, this is an indication that FOSSACS is becoming an established point of reference in the international landscape of theoretical computer science. This is a trend that I believe will continue in its forthcoming editions.

Besides Marcelo Fiore's invited talk, the volume includes Ugo Montanari's invited address as an ETAPS unifying speaker. Ugo's '*Model Checking for Nominal Calculi*' reflects broadly on topics in semantics, weaving together verification via semantic equivalences and model checking, Web services, the π-calculus, and the derivation of bisimulation congruences over reactive systems. Marcelo's contribution, '*Mathematical Models of Computational and Combinatorial Structures*,' advocates a combinatorial approach to semantic models by introducing a calculus of *generalized species of structures* as a unification and generalization of models arising in several distinct areas, including his previous work on denotational models of the π-calculus and of variable-binding operators. The conference program was organized into nine sessions, each focusing on reflecting common research topics among the accepted papers. The order of presentation of the papers in this volume maintains the structure of those sessions.

I have a debt of gratitude to the Program Committee for their scholarly effort during the discussion phase; to the referees, for carrying out the reviewing task with competence, care, and precision; to the invited speakers for their inspired work; and ultimately to the authors for submitting their best work to FOSSACS. Thanks to David Aspinall and Don Sannella for the local organization, and to Martin Karusseit and Tiziana Margaria for their support with the conference electronic management system.

I hope you enjoy the volume.

Sussex, January 2005

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