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Preface

The European Workshop on Software Process Technology celebrates its 10th anniversary in the year 2000.

The goal of the workshop is to assemble researchers and practitioners in the area of Software Process Technology. Issues such as process modeling, process enactment, and process improvement are central, as are empirical studies of such technology. We are happy that at EWSPT'7 about 40% of the papers reported on practical experiences.

This workshop series has, for most of the time, been supported by the PRO-MOTER/PROMOTER2 ESPRIT Basic Research Working Groups, coordinated by the University of Nancy.

The year 2000 workshop will be a combined workshop with the European PIE project. PIE stands for Process Instance Evolution and constitutes an ESPRIT IV Framework Long Term Research project number 34840 (not to be confused with the ESSI Process Improvement Experiments, PIEs). The aim of the PIE project is to study, to investigate, and ultimately to demonstrate what kind of services are needed to support change and evolution in human organizational processes.

Twenty-one out of 44 submitted papers were accepted for the combined workshop. The accepted papers, including 4 PIE papers, will be presented and discussed. There will also be three keynotes.

The following, related workshops have taken place in the past:

- EWPM'1 in Milan, Italy, 30-31 May 1990,
 - eds. Vincenzo Ambriola, Reidar Conradi, and Alfonso Fuggetta, AICA Press.
- EWSPT'2 in Trondheim, Norway, 7-8 Sept. 1992,
- ed. Jean-Claude Derniame, Springer LNCS 635.
 EWSPT'3 in Villard-de-Lans (Grenoble), France, 7-9 Feb. 1994,
- ed. Brian Warboys, Springer LNCS 772.

 EWSPT'4 in Nordwijkerhout (Leiden), The Netherlands, 3-5 April 1995, ed. Wilhelm Schäfer, Springer LNCS 913.
- EWSPT'5 in Nancy, France, 9-11 Oct. 1996,
 ed. Carlo Montangero, Springer LNCS 1149.
- EWSPT'6 in Weybridge (London), UK, 16-18 Sept. 1998,
 ed. Volker Gruhn, Springer LNCS 1487.

The program committee for this workshop has consisted of:

- Sergio Bandinelli, ESI, Bilbao, Spain
- Reidar Conradi, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway (chair)
- Jean-Claude Derniame, University of Nancy, France
- Letizia Jaccheri, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway
- Even-Andrè Karlsson, Q-Labs, Lund, Sweden
- Manny Lehman, Imperial College, London, UK
- Carlo Montangero, Università di Pisa, Italy
- Nazim Madhavji, McGill University, Canada
- Henk Obbink, Philips, The Netherlands
- Markku Oivo, VTT, Oulu, Finland
- Wilhelm Schäfer, University of Paderborn, Germany
- Mary Zelkowitz, University of Maryland, USA

The organizing chair was Mehdi Jazayeri, Techn. Univ. of Vienna, Austria.

The workshop was organized in 11 sessions:

- PIE project
- Keynote by M. M. Lehman, "Thirty Years in Software Process"
- Methods
- Applications, Part 1
- Distributed Processes / Process Modeling Languages,
- Keynote by Victor R. Basili: "Experimental Software Engineering"
- Industrial Experiences, Part 1
- Industrial Experiences, Part 2
- Keynote by Robert Balzer: "Current State and Future Perspectives of Software Process Technology"
- Applications, Part 2
- Wrap-up and Future Directions (no papers)

We hope you enjoyed the workshop and will enjoy the proceedings.

Trondheim, January 2000 Reidar Conradi

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