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Preface

The field of information systems analysis and design includes numerous information modeling methods and notations (e.g. ER, ORM, UML, DFDs, BPMN), that are typically evolving. Even with some attempts to standardize (e.g. UML for object-oriented design), new modeling methods are constantly being introduced, many of which differ only marginally from existing approaches. These ongoing changes significantly impact the way information systems are being analyzed and designed in practice.

This workshop focuses on exploring, evaluating, and enhancing current information modeling methods and methodologies. Though the need for such studies is well recognized, there is a paucity of such research in the literature. The objective of EMMSAD'08 is to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners interested in modeling methods in systems analysis and design to meet, and exchange research ideas and results. It also provides the participants an opportunity to present their research papers and experience reports, and to take part in open discussions. EMMSAD'08 is the thirteenth in a very successful series of EMMSAD workshops, previously held in Heraklion, Barcelona, Pisa, Heidelberg, Stockholm, Interlaken, Toronto, Velden, Riga, Porto, Luxembourg and Trondheim.

This year we had 25 papers submitted from 17 countries (Australia, Austria, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and The United States). After an extensive review process by a distinguished international program committee, with each paper receiving at least three reviews, we accepted the 14 papers that appear in these proceedings. Congratulations to the successful authors!

Apart from the contribution by paper authors, the quality of this workshop depends in no small way on the generous contribution of time and effort by the program committee and the additional reviewers. Their work is greatly appreciated. We also express our sincere thanks to the CAiSE organizing committee, especially the CAiSE workshop organizers Ela Hunt (Global Information Systems Group, ETH, Zürich) and Xavier Franch, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona).

Continuing with our very successful collaboration with IFIP WG 8.1 (<http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/pernici/ifip81>) that started in 1997, this year's workshop is again a joint activity of CAiSE and WG 8.1. The European INTEROP Network of Excellence (<http://www.interop-vlab.eu/>) has also sponsored this workshop since 2005, as has AIS-SIGSAND (<http://nfp.cba.utulsa.edu/bajaja/SIGSAND/>).

Enjoy the workshop and Montpellier! We look forward to your continuing support for EMMSAD.

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