It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the International Workshop on Hot Topics in Cloud Services (HotTopiCS 2013). The primary goal of Hot Topics in Cloud Services is providing a platform for academics and industrial practitioners to exchange novel research ideas and current problems from practice and to identify new and "hot" topics in the field. As indicated by the co-location with ICPE, one focus is on work tackling performance-related problems (understood in a very broad sense), but other work related to the creation and management of service-based cloud applications (e.g., from an economic perspective) are equally welcome.

The call for papers attracted 15 paper submissions. Each paper went through a rigorous peer review process involving at least 3 program committee members. The program committee accepted 5 full research papers, and 5 position papers. The program is further enriched with a keynote from Alexandru Iosup on “IaaS Cloud Benchmarking: Approaches, Challenges, and Experience” and a presentation by Samuel Kounev on the "RELATE" EU FP7 Marie Curie ITN Project, as main supporter of the workshop.

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