

# General Chairs' Welcome

Welcome to the ICPE 2013 Conference! ICPE is an annual meeting that provides a forum for the integration of theory and practice in the field of performance engineering. It brings together researchers and industry practitioners to share ideas, discuss challenges, and present results of both work-in-progress and state-of-the-art research on performance engineering of software and systems. Now at its 4<sup>th</sup> installation, it has grown out of the ACM Workshop on Software Performance (WOSP) and the SPEC International Performance Engineering Workshop (SIPEW).

We would like to thank the Program Co-Chairs, José Nelson Amaral and Tony Field, for the tremendous effort they have put into making sure this year's conference has a high-quality, thought-provoking research track program. The Industrial Chair, Seetharami R. Seelam, has done a wonderful job in selecting a strong set of industry research papers. The Organizing Committee has been invaluable in running a smooth process. We want to thank Lubomír Bulej, for his outstanding job as Finance Chair; the Tutorial Chair, Mirco Tribastone, for his thoughtful efforts in assembling the tutorial program; Lucy Cherkasova and Vittorio Cortellessa, the conference Award Chairs, for proposing and running the award process; Kaustubh Joshi, the Poster and Demo Chair, for his tireless efforts in selecting and putting together the poster and demo exhibit; Evgenia Smirni, for her wonderful activity in putting together the proceedings as the Publication Chair; our Publicity Chairs, John Murphy and Kai Sachs, for a broad and timely advertisement of the conference across many publicity channels; Juan F. Pérez, who did a great job as the Registration Chair; Weikun Wang, the Webmaster, for his continuous help and quick responses to our demands; and Milena Zeithamlová, for handling the multitude of local arrangements.

We would like to thank Andre Bondi and Samuel Kounev, for their continuous support throughout the preparation of this conference. Their guidance has been tremendously helpful in ensuring that this year's conference could adopt the best practices of the past editions.

New this year are the workshops co-located with the main conference, HotTopiCS and Multi-Cloud, both focusing on emerging topics in cloud computing. Given the importance of performance engineering in this area, we believe that these events will help broaden the ICPE community and inspire new research directions.

Our sincere thanks go to the corporate supporters, who at the time we write include SPEC, SAP, and HP Labs. Their generous financial contributions have made this conference possible. We are also thankful to SPEC and ACM, through its SIGSOFT and SIGMETRICS special interest groups, for a continuous support of the ICPE conference.

A warm thanks goes also to the conference keynote speakers, Len Bass, Yuqing Gao, and Prashant Shenoy. We are sure that conference attendees will enjoy their presentations.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we welcome you to the beautiful city of Prague and hope you will enjoy the conference and your stay.

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