

# Program Chairs' Welcome

We are delighted to bring you an outstanding technical program to *2013 International Conference on Performance Engineering - ICPE'13* in Prague. The main Research track for the conference attracted 42 submissions. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the members of the Program Committee each paper received a minimum of four reviews. After extensive deliberation the Program Committee decided to accept 20 submissions as regular papers and two as short papers.

The Industry and Experience track focuses on the application of research results to industrial performance engineering problems and addresses in particular innovative implementations, the novel application of performance-related technologies and the reporting of insightful performance results. This track received 22 submissions of which 8 were selected for presentation at the conference.

The papers accepted to the Research track and to the Industry and Experience track cover several topics such as software development and various flavors of modeling, including performance, survivability and scalability modeling. The development of representative workloads and benchmarks is also well represented. There are then a number of papers that focus on performance aspects of cloud-related systems and more general aspects of scheduling and load balancing.

The Vision/Work-in-Progress track is a feature of ICPE that allows researchers to present and discuss ideas that they are still working on or that they are planning to work on in the near future. It is a great forum for learning about the direction of research in the area. This year we received 18 submissions to this track and were able to accommodate 10 short presentations in the conference program. The topics covered by this track are similar to those in the main Research track, which suggests that they are likely to feature again at ICPE in the near future.

We would like to thank the authors for their diligence in preparing their manuscripts and camera-ready papers, the members of the Program Committee for the many hours that they spent reviewing papers and participating actively in the discussions after all the reviews were submitted. A special thanks goes to the authors of those papers that were not selected for presentation at the conference. We would like to encourage them to use the feedback received through the reviewing process and continue their work on performance engineering. Finally, we would like to thank the two general chairs for their valuable assistance on organizing the conference program.

In summary, there were 81 submissions in total across the three tracks, of which 38 were selected for presentation. We are now looking forward to several days of great presentations and stimulating discussions at ICPE 2013 in beautiful Prague. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for us to be involved.

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