

# ICPE 2017 General Chairs' Welcome

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the 8<sup>th</sup> ACM/SPEC International Conference on Performance Engineering (ICPE), and to the historical town of L'Aquila. Laid out within medieval walls upon a hillside in the middle of a narrow valley, tall snow-capped mountains of the Gran Sasso massif flank the town. A maze of narrow streets, lined with Baroque and Renaissance buildings and churches, open onto elegant piazzas. Home to the University of L'Aquila, it is a lively college town and, as such, has many cultural institutions.

This year ICPE continues its tradition of representing the premier forum for the integration of theory and practice in the field of performance engineering, while founding its roots into the ACM Workshop on Software Performance (WOSP since 1998) and the SPEC International Performance Engineering Workshop (SIPEW since 2008). 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.

Stemming from roots, ICPE 2017 is the fruit of a great team work.

Firstly, many thanks go to the Program Co-Chairs, Anne Koziolok and Evgenia Smirni, for the enormous effort they have put in attracting an excellent Research Program Committee, and in keeping the high-quality of papers with an exciting research track. The Industrial Chair, Meikel Poess, has done a very good job in selecting, along with the Industry Program Committee, an interesting set of industry research papers. The conference program has been enriched by a large and various set of workshops, thanks to the dedication of Hanspeter Mössenböck and Catia Trubiani, our Workshop Chairs, by an interesting mix of tutorials resulting from the thoughtful effort of Valeria Cardellini, our Tutorial Chair, and by a stimulating selection of posters and demos made by Lubomir Bulej, our Poster and Demo Chair. Moreover, we were delighted to attract three excellent keynote speakers: Thomas Wuerthingner (Oracle Labs), Francesco Quaglia (University of Rome La Sapienza) and Arif Merchant (Google).

The whole Organizing Committee has been invaluable in running a smooth process, and in particular we acknowledge the efforts of: André van Hoorn, for his dedicated job as Finance Chair; Petr Tuma and Murray Woodside, our Award Chairs, for running the award process; Davide Arcelli, for putting together the proceedings and managing the registration process, as our Publication and Registration Chair; our Publicity Chairs, Diego Perez and Andrea Rosà, for a broad, accurate and timely advertisement of the conference across traditional and novel publicity channels; Cathy Sandifer first, and thereafter Daniele Di Pompeo, our Web Chairs, for their continuous and timely updates to the web site. A special thank goes to Antiniscia Di Marco for handling the multitude of local arrangements.

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On behalf of the whole organizing committee, we welcome you to L'Aquila and hope you will enjoy the conference and the city.

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