

ICPE 2021 General Chairs' Welcome

Years of planning have gone into preparing for ICPE 2021 in Rennes. For the first time in France, the organization of ICPE has generated a great deal of excitement and expectation of productive interactions between the usual participants of ICPE conferences, the members of the various SPEC working groups, and a desire to increase the involvement of the local scientific community with ICPE.

For a long time, we hoped that the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 edition of the face-to-face conference in Edmonton, would leave us with the opportunity to meet face-to-face this year. Alas, this is still not the case and the 2021 edition of ICPE is also held virtually from Rennes, France.

Despite the virtualization, the ICPE conference has proceeded with the publication of these proceedings and the provision of video presentations and slides related to the conference program on the website. The excellent ICPE 2021 conference program was made possible by the many authors who submitted contributions to the advancement of performance modeling and engineering and many other related topics.

We are glad to welcome the keynote speakers. Sven Apel, from Saarland University, who plans to share his experience in software performance modelling in spacetime and Shan Lu, from University of Chicago, who plans to share her experience on tackling performance bugs in web applications and cloud systems.

There is a lot of work involved in setting up a complex program like ICPE. In addition to the authors and presenters, many volunteer hours have been contributed by chairs, program committee members, local organizers, local volunteers, steering committee members, and many others. On behalf of the ICPE community, we thank you all for your efforts and dedication. We thank our sponsors for their sponsorship.

Although ICPE cannot proceed as planned due to the pandemic, we hope that the virtual conference will lead to productive online interactions among the members of the community, both from academia and industry.

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