Foreword
ICWE 2008

These proceedings contain the articles presented at the eight International Conference on Web Engineering (ICWE2008), which was held in Yorktown Heights (NY, US) in July 2008.

ICWE is the main annual conference where the Web Engineering community congregates, to promote research and scientific progress in the field. A noticeable trend is the ever expanding frontiers and overlaps with other disciplines, such as Human Computer Interfaces, Databases, Software Engineering, Distributed Systems, which makes it an exciting area to work in. The conference brings together practitioners, scientists, and researchers committed to investigating, innovating and applying the technologies, methodologies, tools, processes, and techniques used to construct, verify, and maintain Web-based applications and services.

The conference this year was organized with a core research track, complemented with workshops, posters, demos and tutorials, which provide a diverse array of opportunities to disseminate results, insights and best practices. There were 57 submissions to the research track, of which 20 were accepted as full papers, with an acceptance rate of 34%. In addition, 12 submissions were presented as short papers. These papers cover a broad variety of topics, ranging from rich interfaces, web services, quality, semantic web all the way to implementation and evaluation aspects.

The conference would not have been possible without the support from IBM Research, who kindly agreed to host it at the Tomas J. Watson Research Laboratory, and the endorsement of the International World Wide Web Conference Committee and the International Society for Web Engineering. Most of all, it had the committed involvement of many individuals, the local organizers and the various chairs – Martin Gaedke and Maria Bielikova, Michael Grossniklaus, Silvia Abrahao, Emilia Mendes and Bebo White.

As with any conference, its true success is achieved by the enthusiastic participation of the contributors and attendees, its true raison d'etre.

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