

Preface

The Eight European Conference on Web Services (ECOWS 2010) was held in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, on December 1-3, 2010. The aim of the ECOWS conference series is to provide a forum where researchers and practitioners can discuss the latest advances in Web services, which constitute the main technology available to date for implementing service-oriented systems. The previous editions of the conference were held in Erfurt (Germany, 2003 and 2004), Växjö (Sweden, 2005), Zurich (Switzerland, 2006), Halle (Germany, 2007), Dublin (Ireland, 2008), and Eindhoven (The Netherlands, 2009).

The program of the main conference was structured in two days (December 2nd and 3rd, 2010), with the presentation of selected research papers and of an invited keynote talk by Paul Grefen (Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands). 108 submissions of research papers were received and, after a rigorous peer review process, only 21 papers were accepted, yielding a selective acceptance rate of 19%.

The conference hosted also an industrial track, which featured 5 presentations — that were accepted after a peer review process led by the industrial track chairs on the 15 track submissions — and of an invited keynote talk by K. Scott Morrison (Layer 7 Technologies, USA).

ECOWS 2010 also hosted on December 1st 2010 a Ph.D. symposium and five satellite workshops:

- 5th Workshop on Enhanced Web Service Technologies (WEWST 2010),
- 4th Workshop on Non-Functional Properties and SLA Management in Service-Oriented Computing (NFPSLAM-SOC 2010),
- 4th International Workshop on Web APIs and Services Mashups (Mashups 2010),
- 3rd Third Workshop on Service Monitoring, Adaptation, and Beyond (MONA+ 2010), and
- European Workshop on Practical Aspects of Service Oriented Computing Governance (E-PASSING 2010).

The success of ECOWS 2010 was the result of the work of many people, whom we would like to warmly thank for their efforts and dedication: the Industrial Track Chairs, the Workshop Chairs, the Ph.D. Symposium Chair, the Steering Committee, the Program Committee, the Industry Track Program Committee, all the reviewers, and the Local Organization Committee. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the authors and the participants that determined the success of this edition of ECOWS.

We do hope that the contributions reported in this volume will be valuable and inspiring for your work, and perhaps also encourage you to participate in the next editions of ECOWS.

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