Message from the Program Committee Chair

The seventh FOAL workshop maintains the high bar for quality set by previous instances. FOAL is one of the primary forums for foundational work on aspect-oriented software development. As in the past, each paper was subjected to full review by at least three reviewers. Papers co-authored by program committee members or organizers were reviewed by four or five reviewers and were held to a higher standard. I am grateful to the program committee members for their dedication, insightful comments, attention to detail, and the service they provided to the community and the individual authors.

The members of the program committee were: Jonathan Aldrich (Carnegie Mellon University, USA), Lodewijk Bergmans (University of Twente, Netherlands), Curtis Clifton (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, USA), William Griswold (University of California, San Diego, USA), Günter Kniesel (University of Bonn, Germany), Shriram Krishnamurthi (Brown University, USA), Ralf Lämmel (Universität Koblenz-Landau, Germany), Karl Lieberherr (Northeastern University, USA), Hidehiko Masuhara (University of Tokyo, Japan), James Noble (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), Klaus Ostermann (University of Aarhus, Denmark), Hridesh Rajan (Iowa State University, USA), and Damien Sereni (Oxford, UK). The sub-reviewers, whom I also thank, were: Bryan Chadwick, Robert Dyer, and Therapon Skotiniotis.

I am also grateful to the authors of submitted works. Ten papers were submitted for review this year. Of these, the program committee selected four for presentation at the workshop and publication in the proceedings. The committee judged that a fifth paper presenting preliminary work was intriguing and invited the authors to give a short presentation. An abstract outlining that work is also published herein.

The program was rounded out with an invited talk by William Harrison of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and a panel discussion on the state of research in AOSD. The panelists were Mehmet Aksit (University of Twente, Netherlands), Oege de Moor (Oxford University, UK), Gary T. Leavens (University of Central Florida, USA), Klaus Ostermann (University of Aarhus, Denmark). I sincerely thank them all for their dedication and service.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the organizing committee of FOAL—Shmuel Katz, Gary Leavens, and Mira Mezini—for their work in guiding us toward another inspiring workshop.

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