Message from the Program Committee Chair

The eighth 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: Curtis Clifton (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology), Erik Ernst (University of Aarhus), Pascal Fradet (INRIA), Shmuel Katz (Technion-Israel Institute of Technology), Karl Lieberherr (Northeastern University), David Lorenz (The Open University of Israel), Hidehiko Masuhara (University of Tokyo), Mira Mezini (Darmstadt University of Technology) Klaus Ostermann (Darmstadt University of Technology), James Riely (DePaul University), and Damien Sereni (Oxford)

I am also grateful to the authors of submitted works. Twelve papers were submitted for review this year. Of these, the program committee selected six for presentation at the workshop and publication in the proceedings. One of these has been included specifically for a demo-based presentation because of corresponding tool support to animate and illustrate semantics of aspect based languages

The program was rounded out with an invited talk by Mehmet Ak sit of the University of Twente in the Netherlands, and an open session on "New Ideas, Open Questions, and Work in Progress," organized by Shmuel Katz.

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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