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Message from the Chairs IWESEP 2018

It is our great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2018 International Workshop on Empirical Software Engineering in Practice (IWESEP 2018). Our workshop aims to foster the development of the area by providing a forum where researchers and practitioners can report on and discuss new research results and applications in the area of empirical software engineering. The workshop encourages the exchange of ideas within the international community so as to be able to understand, from an empirical viewpoint, the strengths and weaknesses of technology in use and new technologies, with the expectation of advancing the field of software engineering in general.

IWESEP 2018 received 26 submissions in total. 14 of them were 6-page regular papers, with the rest being poster submissions. Papers covered a variety of topics, including software quality, refactoring and analysis of open source development processes. All submissions were carefully evaluated by at least three program committee members. Six regular papers were accepted to be included in the IWESEP 2018 proceedings. The accepted papers are published in the CSDL and the Xplore Digital Library. The poster submissions were all accepted to present a one-minute lighting talk and a poster to gather feedback from the workshop participants. Though voting, awards were given to the best paper and best poster.

For our keynote, we invited David C. Shepherd, who is a Senior Principal Scientist & Research Area Coordinator with ABB Corporate Research.

He conducts research on topics from developer productivity to end-user programming for robots. His talk outlined the disconnect between academic research and industrial practice, arguing that for our field to achieve the fullest impact, we need more use-inspired researchers found most often in industrial research.

On behalf of the program committee and the organizing committee, we thank the authors and attendees for making IWESEP 2018 such an interactive event. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the program committee members, who spent considerable time reviewing publications, leading to a higher quality event.

We hope you will have a great time and an unforgettable experience at IWESEP 2018.

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