

Welcome from the Chairs

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Paris, the “City of Light”, one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, for the 9th IEEE International Symposium on Web Site Evolution (WSE 2007). Since its inception in 1999, the Web Site Evolution series of events have provided a forum for researchers and practitioners to present original work on subjects related to the disciplined evolution of large-scale Web sites. WSE began as a one-day workshop, but in 2006 it expanded into a two-day symposium to include keynote presentations, paper sessions, working sessions, and panels discussions; WSE 2007 continues this trend, with a rich technical program and ample opportunities for collaboration.

This year we received 23 paper submissions from 11 different countries of North and South America, Europe, and Asia. Papers underwent a very rigorous reviewing process: each paper was reviewed by at least three reviewers, and a discussion was held where the outcome was not clear. In the end, the program chairs accepted 9 full papers (39%) and 5 short papers. The technical program begins with a distinguished keynote from Professor Luciano Baresi from Politecnico di Milano, Italy, discussing the relationship between Web 2.0 and Service-Oriented Architecture. The discussion of emerging Web technologies will then continue in a related technical session. This year WSE will also focus on the crucial aspects of reliability and security of Web applications, which are becoming increasingly relevant to the role today’s Web applications are playing. Towards this end, WSE 2007 includes a technical session on testing and security, and a working session on Web security. Last, but not least, two technical sessions deal with aspects of Web application analysis and of usability and accessibility.

There are a number of people we would like to thank: the authors for submitting high quality and stimulating papers; the program committee members and additional reviewers for providing timely, detailed, and constructive reviews; Damiano Distanto, our finance chair, for dealing with the complex issues regarding budgets of co-located events such as WSE 2007; Ben Kam, our webmaster, for building and maintaining a great Web site; members of the WSE Steering Committee – and in particular Scott Tilley, the WSE founder – for the precious advice that helped us a lot as we organized this event; and our sponsor, the IEEE Computer Society, and RCOST, Florida Atlantic University, and Queen’s University for the support they provided. We would be remiss in not also thanking the organizers of the 24th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance (ICSM 2007), in particular the General Chair Françoise Balmas and the Finance Chair Dave Binkley, for the help provided in once again co-locating WSE with the major software maintenance conference.

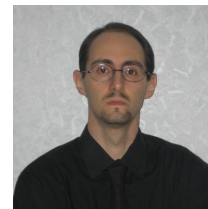
We hope you will enjoy the technical and social program in the magnificent atmosphere of Paris!



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