

# Preface

Extreme Programming has come a long way since its first use in the C3 project almost 10 years ago. Agile methods have found their way into the mainstream, and at the end of last year we saw the second edition of Kent Beck's book on Extreme Programming, containing a major refactoring of XP.

This year, the 6th International Conference on Extreme Programming and Agile Processes in Software Engineering took place June 18–23 in Sheffield. As in the years before, XP 2005 provided a unique forum for industry and academic professionals to discuss their needs and ideas on Extreme Programming and agile methodologies. These proceedings reflect the activities during the conference which ranged from presentation of research papers, invited talks, posters and demonstrations, panels and activity sessions, to tutorials and workshops. Included are also papers from the Ph.D. and Master's Symposium which provided a forum for young researchers to present their results and to get feedback.

As varied as the activities were the topics of the conference which covered the presentation of new and improved practices, empirical studies, experience reports and case studies, and last but not least the social aspects of agile methods.

The papers and the activities went through a rigorous reviewing process. Each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members and was discussed carefully among the Program Committee. Of 62 papers submitted, only 22 were accepted as full papers.

We would like to sincerely thank the several chairs and the members of the Program Committee for their thorough reviews and dedicated involvement in shaping the contents of the conference. We would also like to thank the authors, the workshop and activity leaders, the tutorial speakers, the panelists, those who served on the various committees, our sponsors, those who offered their experience of running previous XP conferences, the staff of Sheffield University and, last but not least, everyone who attended.

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