

Preface

The International Conference on Business Process Management (BPM) is the premium forum for researchers, practitioners, and developers in the area of BPM. This year, the Steering Committee welcomed the idea of creating a new sub-track, called the “BPM Forum,” with separate proceedings, in the spirit of the successful CAiSE Forum. The BPM Forum took place together with BPM 2016 during September 18–22 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, hosted by the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

The forum aimed at gathering papers that showcase fresh ideas and emerging topics in the BPM discipline. The papers had to demonstrate potential for stimulating interesting discussions at the conference, even if they were not yet at the same level of maturity as the regular papers that are accepted at BPM. We selected these papers from those that were not accepted to BPM 2016, based on the recommendation of the senior Program Committee members, after discussing with the Program Committee (PC) members that were assigned to review the papers. Special care was taken to avoid overlap with the workshops associated with the BPM Conference.

As a result, we selected 13 papers out of 106 papers. The papers in this volume cover topics related to process modeling, process execution, and to management aspects of the BPM discipline. Each paper was reviewed by four PC members and by one senior PC member who moderated the discussion and wrote the meta-review. Overall, the review process involved 20 senior PC members and 89 PC members.

We would like to express our gratitude to the BPM Steering Committee for welcoming the idea of the BPM Forum, and to Flavia Maria Santoro, the organizing chair, and her team, for helping us with its implementation. We would also like to thank the PC and the broader reviewer community for their dedicated commitment, and in particular the senior PC members for moderating the review process and preparing the paper recommendations. Finally, we would like to congratulate the authors of all submitted and accepted papers for their high-quality work, and thank them for choosing the BPM Forum as their outlet for publication.

We hope you will find this volume an interesting reading to stimulate your BPM thinking.

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