

Preface

This volume contains the invited and contributed papers selected for presentation at the 43rd Conference on Current Trends in Theory and Practice of Computer Science (SOFSEM 2017), held January 16–20, 2017, in Limerick, Ireland.

SOFSEM (originally SOFTware SEMinar) is devoted to leading research and fosters cooperation among researchers and professionals from academia and industry in all areas of computer science. SOFSEM started in 1974 in the former Czechoslovakia as a local conference and winter school combination. The renowned invited speakers and the growing interest of the authors from abroad gradually turned SOFSEM in the mid-1990s into an international conference with proceedings published in the Springer LNCS series, in the last two years in their prestigious subline ARCoSS: *Advanced Research in Computing and Software Science*. SOFSEM became a well-established and fully international conference maintaining the best of its original winter school aspects, such as a higher number of invited talks and an in-depth coverage of novel research results in selected areas of computer science. SOFSEM 2017, accordingly, was organized around the following three thematic tracks:

- Foundations of Computer Science (chaired by Christel Baier, TU Dresden)
- Software Engineering: Methods, Tools, Applications (chaired by Mark van den Brand, TU Eindhoven)
- Data, Information, and Knowledge Engineering (chaired by Johann Eder, U. Klagenfurt)

With its three tracks, SOFSEM 2017 covered the latest advances in research, both theoretical and applied, in selected areas of computer science. The SOFSEM 2017 Program Committee consisted of 62 international experts from 22 different countries, representing the track areas with outstanding expertise. After a detailed reviewing process, 34 papers were selected for presentation, namely: 27 in the Foundations of Computer Science, four in the Software Engineering, and three in the Data, Information, and Knowledge Engineering tracks.

As usual, SOFSEM 2017 comprised seven invited talks. There was a unifying talk:

- “Dependable and Optimal Cyber-Physical Systems,” by Kim Guldstrand Larsen (Aalborg University, Denmark)

And two talks for each thematic track:

- “Trends and Challenges in Predictive Analytics,” by Jaakko Hollmén (Aalto University, Finland)
- “On Featured Transition Systems,” by Axel Legay (Rennes University and Inria, France)
- “Domain-Specific Languages: A Systematic Mapping Study,” by Marjan Mernik (University of Maribor, Slovenia)

- “Model-Driven Development in Practice: From Requirements to Code,” by Óscar Pastor López (Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain)
- “Network Constructors: A Model for Programmable Matter,” by Paul G. Spirakis (University of Liverpool, UK)
- “Verifying Parametric Thread Creation,” by Igor Walukiewicz (Bordeaux University and CNRS, France).

An integral part of SOFSEM 2017 was the traditional SOFSEM Student Research Forum (chaired by Anila Mjeda, University of Limerick and Lero, Ireland), organized with the aim of presenting student projects in both the theory and practice of computer science, and to give the students feedback on the originality of their results. The papers presented at the Student Research Forum were published in separate local proceedings, available as the *Lero Technical Report*.

In addition, this year’s edition introduced an industry track that included a full-day track ASE@SOFSEM organized by Yaping Luo of Altran, The Netherlands, and several demonstrations and presentations.

Moreover, five tutorials profiled emergent and established technologies:

- “Cinco: A Simplicity-Focused Language Workbench for Domain-Specific Graphical Modeling Environments,” by Stefan Naujokat, Johannes Neubauer, Bernhard Steffen (TU Dortmund, Germany)
- “Unifying Theories of Programming: Principles, Theories and Tools,” by Andrew Butterfield (Trinity College Dublin and Lero, Ireland)
- “Verification and Test-case Generation from Architectural Models of Automotive Systems,” by Cristina Seceleanu (Mälardalen Technical University, Sweden)
- “Plasma Lab Statistical Model Checker: Architecture, Usage, and Extension,” by Axel Legay and Louis-Marie Traonouez (Rennes University and Inria, France)
- “Becoming Goldilocks: Privacy and Data Sharing in ‘Just Right’ Conditions for Software Engineering,” by Fayola Peters (University of Limerick and Lero, Ireland) – the Early Career Researcher tutorial

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We hope the readers of the proceedings gain valuable new insights that hopefully contribute to their research and its uptake.

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