

Preface

The International Conference on Business Process Management (BPM), now in its 15th year, has clearly established itself as the most important academic event in BPM. It is the premium event for researchers, practitioners, and developers in this area. In 2016, the Steering Committee of this conference created a new sub-track, called the BPM Forum, to be held in conjunction with the main conference and with a separate set of proceedings. It made its successful debut at the Rio conference, and, hence, it was also included in the conference held in Barcelona during September 10–15, 2017.

The aim of the BPM Forum is to host innovative research which has high potential of stimulating discussion, but does not quite meet the rigorous quality criteria for the main research track. The papers selected for the forum are expected to showcase fresh ideas from exciting and emerging topics in BPM, even if they were not yet at the same level of maturity as the regular papers at the conference. We picked these papers from those that could not be accepted to BPM 2017 based on the recommendation of the Program Committee (PC) members who were assigned to evaluate them. As far as possible, we avoided overlap with the workshops associated with the BPM Conference.

Consequently, we selected 11 high-quality papers out of 97 papers that were not included in the main program of BPM. The papers in this volume cover topics related to process models and metrics, mining and compliance, and other innovative ideas such as gamification, smart devices, and digital innovation as they pertain to BPM. The review process involved 21 senior PC members and 103 regular PC members. Each paper was reviewed by a team comprising a senior PC and four regular PC members who engage in a discussion phase after the initial reviews are prepared. The authors receive four review reports, and a meta-review that summarizes the reviews and the discussion.

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