

Preface

When we decided to lead the design of this book for Prof. Antoni Olivé, we did not guess that writing a Preface for our Professor first, our forever Friend later, would be such a hard job. The reality is that summarizing in a few words our respect and admiration for him is probably the most complicated Conceptual Modeling activity that we have ever faced! But we can try to do it, honoring the conceptual modeling passion that we have inherited from him. Always with Conceptual Modeling in mind, there are a few conceptual patterns that he has shown us with the most efficient strategy: his example. He has shown us the value of understanding carefully others' opinions. He has shown us how important is to listen to, before deciding what to do. He has shown us that a brilliant research is modest. He has shown us how a real leader is the one recognized as such by all his pupils, as we -the Editors- all are. He has shown us how the best honor we can grant him is be grateful for the most valuable gift that he has provided to us: the conceptual model of his life as an example to be followed.

With this book we all want to honor Prof. Antoni Olivé. It is a simple but honest recognition to his enormous contribution to the Conceptual Modeling discipline. We were happy to see that finding a set of highly relevant colleagues ready to contribute to it, was the easiest task for us! Everybody was eager to participate. Everybody recognizes Antoni's essential role in the community. Everybody has made a big effort to be present in the book. We appreciated this effort. Thank you everybody for it! The set of selected chapters provides a complete and extremely attractive view of what Conceptual Modeling is, and what perspectives are opened to make it more and more relevant in our society.

We are sure that much more colleagues would have been happy to participate. Sorry for those that could not be in the book: edition constraints made it not possible! We know that in any case we all share our immense gratitude and recognition to his person. We are lucky to have had the chance of enjoying science and life with you. We are ready to still enjoy your figure, Friend and Professor Antoni Olivé for many more years. As a starting point for this exciting future, we hope that this book -written in your honor- will be seen as a source of inspiration for everybody to

continue working for making true the never-ended dream that you have transmitted to us: to create a strong, fruitful and creative community of conceptual modelers.

Entre Barcelona i València,
Juliol 2017

Jordi Cabot
Cristina Gómez
Óscar Pastor
Maria-Ribera Sancho
Ernest Teniente

Conceptual Modeling Perspectives

Cabot, J.; Gómez, C.; Pastor, O.; Sancho, M.R.; Teniente,
E. (Eds.)

2017, XIII, 268 p. 94 illus., 63 illus. in color., Hardcover

ISBN: 978-3-319-67270-0