

OnTheMove Academy 2009 Organizers' Message

We are very happy to re-establish the tradition of organizing what is now called the OTM Academy, the workshop for coaching PhD students with promising work. The term “academy,” originating from Greek antiquity, implies a strong mark of quality and excellence that is upheld and promoted by its members.

This label is equally valid in our context. OTMA PhD students receive the opportunity of publishing in a highly reputed publication channel, namely, the Springer LNCS proceedings of the OTM workshops. Well-respected researchers and practitioners, the OTMA faculty members, critically reflect on the students' work in a highly positive and inspiring atmosphere to improve not only their research capacities but also their presentation and writing skills.

Even a derived notion of exclusiveness and good repute applies thanks to the new OTMA on-line community and virtual “Hall of Fame,” for encouraging all participants to strengthen networking. In order to stimulate the idea of excellence even better, Collibra NV (www.collibra.be) generously sponsors the OTMA 2009 best paper award as is announced on our redesigned website.

For taking up this challenging task, we would like to considerably thank the other OTM Academy faculty members, namely:

- Erich J. Neuhold (University of Vienna, Austria), OTMA Dean
- Alfred Holl (University of Applied Sciences, Nuremberg, Germany)
- Maria Esther Vidal (Universidad Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela)
- Adam Wierzbicki (Polish-Japanese Institute of IT, Warsaw, Poland)
- Josefa Kumpfmüller (Vienna, Austria), OTMA Integrated Communications Chair

The OTM Academy could also rely on a highly international Program Committee to review the submitted papers. Beside the OTMA faculty members, it consisted of the following personalities, whom we gratefully thank for their effort and time.

- Christoph Bussler (Merced Systems Inc., Redwood Shores, USA)
- Jaime Delgado, (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain)
- Ling Feng, (Tsinghua University, Beijing, China)
- Frédéric Le Mouël (University of Lyon, Lyon, France)
- York Sure (SAP Research, Karlsruhe, Germany)

In total, we received 11 abstract submissions from eight different countries. The papers were independently assessed by at least three or four reviewers. Three of the accepted papers are technical papers coming from advanced PhD students who want to discuss their achievements so far. Three other accepted papers are position papers from junior PhD students who present their research plans. This

implies an overall acceptance rate of 54%. We hope that you will find the papers of this next researcher generation promising and inspiring for your own research activities.

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