

# CoopIS 2012 PC Co-Chairs Message

Welcome to the proceedings of CoopIS 2012. It was the 20th conference in the CoopIS conference series and took place in Rome, Italy, in September 2012. This conference series has established itself as a major international forum for exchanging ideas and results on scientific research for practitioners in fields such as computer supported cooperative work (CSCW), middleware, Internet & Web data management, electronic commerce, business process management, agent technologies, and software architectures, to name a few. In addition, the 2012 edition of CoopIS aims at highlighting the increasing need for data- and knowledge-intensive processes. As in previous years, CoopIS'12 was again part of a joint event with other conferences, in the context of the OTM ("OnTheMove") federated conferences, covering different aspects of distributed information systems.

Thanks to the many high-quality submissions we were able to put a strong program together. The selection process was very competitive which resulted in quite a few good papers to be rejected. Each paper received at least three, in a number of cases even four, independent peer reviews. From the 100 submissions we were able to accept only 22 papers as full papers and eight papers as short papers.

We are very grateful to the reviewers who worked hard to meet the tight deadline. We thank also the staff of the OTM secretariat, especially Jan Demey, Daniel Meersman, and Carlos Madariaga and the OTM General Chairs Robert Meersman, Tharam Dillon, and Pilar Herrero for their support.

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