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Preface

This volume of the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series contains the proceedings of the second Working Conference on Component Deployment, which took place May 20–21, 2004, at the e-Science Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, as a collocated event of the International Conference on Software Engineering.

Component deployment addresses what needs to be done *after* a component has been developed. Component deployment includes activities such as component customization, configuration, integration, activation, de-activation and de-commissioning. The emerging research community that investigates component deployment concerns itself with the principles, methods and tools for deployment activities. The community held its first working conference in Berlin, Germany, in June 2002. The proceedings were published by Springer-Verlag as volume 2370 of the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series.

The program of this year's conference consisted of an invited talk and 16 technical paper presentations. The invited talk was given by Patrick Goldsack of Hewlett Packard Research Laboratories Bristol, UK. He presented the Smart-Frog component deployment framework that HP released as Open Source. The technical papers were carefully selected from a total of 34 submitted papers. Each paper was thoroughly peer reviewed by at least three members of the program committee and consensus on acceptance was achieved by means of an electronic PC meeting.

The conference and these proceedings would not have been possible without the help of a large number of people. Anthony Finkelstein, in his role as General Chair of ICSE, simplified our task considerably by arranging our use of the CyberChair electronic submission and reviewing service, as well as handling publicity and registration. We are indebted to ACM SIGSOFT and the UK e-Science Programme for generously providing support for the conference, and to Malcolm Atkinson and Dave Berry at the e-Science Institute for hosting CD 2004. Particular thanks go to Gill Mandy for handling the local arrangements. Richard van der Stadt of Borbala was always available and responded incredibly quickly whenever we needed him and, as a result, he eased the paper submission and review process considerably. Finally, we thank the members of the program committee for their hard work and careful reviews.

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