Preface

This volume constitutes the proceedings of the 13th International Workshop on Groupware (CRIWG 2007). The conference was held in Spain (Medina del Campo) in 2006, Brazil (Porto de Galinhas) in 2005, Costa Rica (San Carlos) in 2004, France (Autrans) in 2003, Chile (La Serena) in 2002, Germany (Darmstadt) in 2001, Portugal (Madeira Island) in 2000, Mexico (Cancun) in 1999, Brazil (Buzios) in 1998, Spain (El Escorial) in 1997, Chile (Puerto Varas) in 1996, and Portugal (Lisbon) in 1995.

The CRIWG workshops have been motivated by advances in computer-supported cooperative work (CSCW), and by the need for CSCW to meet the challenges of new application areas. This workshop aims at providing a forum for academic researchers and professionals to exchange their experiences and their ideas about problems and solutions related to the design, development and use of groupware applications. Researchers report their ideas, models, designs and experiences to CRIWG submitting full-paper contributions to present achieved or mature works, and shorter papers to report work in progress.

CRIWG 2007 received 65 submissions from 15 different countries, 49 full papers and 16 work-in-progress papers. Each article was reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee, using a double-blind reviewing process. Based on the reviewers’ recommendations 27 papers were finally accepted: 17 full papers and 10 work-in-progress papers. These papers were grouped into six tracks: group awareness and social aspects, groupware design and development, computer-supported collaborative learning, groupware applications and studies, group negotiation and knowledge management, and groupware activities and evaluation. In addition, we are pleased to have had Jonathan Grudin from Microsoft Research, USA, as keynote speaker.

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Last, but certainly not least, we thank the attendees for their interest in CRIWG 2007. We hope they had an enriching experience at the conference.

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