Enterprise modeling (EM) has gained substantial popularity both in the academic community and among practitioners. A variety of EM methods, approaches, and tools are developed and offered on the market. In practice they are used for various purposes such as business strategy development, process restructuring, as well as business and IT architecture alignment and governance.

PoEM 2008, the First IFIP WG 8.1 Working Conference on The Practice of Enterprise Modeling, took place in Stockholm, Sweden. It is the first conference aiming to establish a dedicated forum where the use of EM in practice is addressed by bringing together researchers, users, and practitioners. The goals of PoEM 2008 were to develop a better understanding of the practice of EM, to contribute to improved EM practice, as well as to share knowledge and experiences.

The theme of PoEM 2008 was EM in different application contexts, e.g., software development, including agile development, as well as business development, governance, and change. We focused on the following topics: evaluation of EM methods from a practice perspective, the process of modeling and guidelines for modeling, management of EM projects, use of EM in different contexts, facilitation and group dynamics, the competency of modelers and modeling teams, model and process quality aspects, reuse of enterprise models, modeling languages, the use of EM in different contexts, tools and workbenches, enterprise model management, success factors in EM, teaching the practice, EM and agile development, enterprise knowledge architectures, standardization issues and reference models, method engineering in EM, concordance between EM and information systems development.

The focus area of PoEM 2008 attracted 34 submissions from 16 countries, out of which the Program Committee selected 17 high-quality papers. The resulting program reflects the fact that the topic of EM encompasses human and organizational issues as well as technical aspects of information systems engineering. The program also featured a keynote by Björn Nilsson, one of Sweden's most experienced EM practitioners. To stimulate open exchange of ideas PoEM 2008 also included two joint brainstorming sessions on the emerging challenges of EM.

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