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Preface

Since 1990 the International Workshop on Software Measurement (*IWSM*) has been celebrated annually alternating between Montréal (Canada) and various cities across Germany. The Montréal editions have been organized by the Software Engineering Research Laboratory (GELOG)¹ of the École de technologie supérieure-Université du Québec, which is directed by Prof. Alain Abran. The German editions have been organized jointly by the Software Measurement Laboratory (SMLAB)² of the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg (Germany), which is directed by Prof. Reiner R. Dumke; and the German association for software metrics and effort estimation (DASMA e. V.)³, which is led by Manfred Bundschuh and Günter Büren. The biennial editions of IWSM in Germany has been held jointly with the DASMA Software Metrics Congress (*MetriKon*)⁴ since 2002. MetriKon is a yearly event, conducted every other year for a German-speaking audience at changing national locations for best-practice sharing of software measurement topics, bringing the best and renowned German-speaking experts of the field together.

The first two editions of the International Conference on Software Process and Product Measurement (*Mensura*) were organized by Juan J. Cuadrado-Gallego⁵ from the University of Alcalá (Spain) and convened in Cádiz (Spain) in 2006 together with IWSM in Palma de Mallorca (Spain) in 2007. To foster research, practice and exchange of experiences and best practices in software processes and product measurement, the 2008 editions of IWSM / MetriKon / Mensura were combined. The conferences were held during November 18–20, 2008 in Munich (Germany) and kindly hosted by Siemens AG.

This volume comprises the proceedings of IWSM / MetriKon / Mensura 2008 and consists of the final papers presented at these joint events. Each one of these papers has been thoroughly revised and extended in order to be accepted for publication. The IWSM / MetriKon / Mensura Steering Committee is proud to have—once more—obtained the approval of Springer to publish the second edition of the joint conference proceedings in the prestigious *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* (LNCS) series. We hope to maintain this collaboration for the future editions of these joint events.

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