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Preface

The 8th International Conference on Software Composition, SC 2009, was held in Zürich, Switzerland, during July 2–3, 2009. Over the years SC has become an important and inspiring forum for researchers, practitioners, and students working in the broad field of software composition. This topic area was further explored by both high-quality paper presentations as well as two excellent invited speakers.

In all, 34 submissions underwent a full review process by the Program Committee (PC). Only 10 were accepted for publication and presentation at the conference. The published papers were selected according to rigorous criteria covering relevance for the venue; contribution and innovation; precision and correctness; and presentation and clarity. Each paper received between three to five reviews, depending on whether authors were PC members. We endeavored to make SC 2009 a venue that encourages and helps outstanding papers to be published. This implied generating discussion when opinions expressed by the PC members diverge. Three papers that conveyed important innovations or scientific progress did not quite reach the quality levels we aimed for and were therefore shepherded by a PC member. We would like to thank the PC members who helped with this extra task.

The success of SC 2009 was also due to two worldwide recognized researchers who presented a keynote presentation. Paul Klint from the Centrum voor Wiskunde en Informatica (CWI), Amsterdam, and Stéphane Ducasse, from INRIA Lille Nord Europe. Their knowledge and experience undoubtedly benefited the audience.

SC 2009 was one of the events that were co-located with TOOLS Europe 2009. The rationale of this joint event is to favor a regrouping of venues of which the audience has common interests. SC 2009 participants were able to attend events organized by TOOLS Europe and vice versa.

The success of SC 2009 was only possible because of the efforts, inspiration, and hard work of many people. We would like to thank all the authors for submitting so many high-quality papers. The PC we carefully selected was very active and efficient. We also would like to thank the Organizing Committee of TOOLS Europe for their kind and effective cooperation when organizing SC 2009. We would particularly like to thank Ilinca Ciupa, Manuel Oriol, and Bertrand Meyer. The Steering Committee of Software Composition provided great help and advice for which we are thankful. SC 2009 was sponsored by a number of companies and organizations: We thank netstyle.ch for having hosted the website of the event; the International Federation for Information Processing, Technical Committee on Software: Theory and Practice (IFIP, TC2) and the IBM Zürich research lab for advertising. The reviewing process and the as-

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