Preface

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In 2013, the Program Committee received 76 abstracts and 51 full paper submissions. From these, 9 Foundations Track papers and 6 Applications Track papers were accepted for presentation at the conference and publication in these proceedings, resulting in an acceptance rate of 23% for the Foundations Track, and an overall acceptance rate of 29.4%. Papers on all aspects of MDE were received, including topics such as model querying, consistency checking, model transformation, model-based systems engineering, and domain-specific modeling. The breadth of topics and the high quality of the results presented in these accepted papers demonstrate the maturity and vibrancy of the field.

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