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Preface

This year, for the tenth time, the European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming (ECOOP) series, in cooperation with Springer, is glad to offer the object-oriented research community the ECOOP Workshop Reader, a compendium of workshop reports pertaining to the ECOOP 2006 conference, held in Nantes during July 3–7, 2006.

ECOOP 2006 hosted 19 high-quality research workshops covering a large spectrum of hot research topics. These workshops were chosen through a tight peer review process following a specific call for proposals. We are very grateful to the members of the Workshop Selection Committee for their careful reviews and hard work in putting together the excellent workshop program. We also want to thank all submitters, accepted or not, to whom the workshop program equally owes its quality. This selection process was then followed by a selection of workshop participants, done by each team of organizers based on an open call for papers. This participant selection process ensured that we gathered the most active researchers in each workshop research area, and therefore had fruitful working meetings.

Following the tradition of the ECOOP Workshop Reader, we strove for high-quality workshop reports that provided added-value compared with a simple summary of presentations held at the workshops. We believe that the result is a thought-provoking snapshot of the current research in object orientation, full of pointers for further exploration of the covered topics. We want to thank our workshop organizers who, despite the additional burden, did a great job in putting together these reports.

This volume consists of reports providing the reader with a starting point to understand and explore the currently debated issues in each area of concern. To do so, after summarizing the workshop goals, each report offers a critical summary of the participants’ position papers and, in most cases, a transcript of the actual debates aroused by the talks. You will also typically find the full list of participants, with contact information, as well as the list of contributed position papers. Several of the reports also add a list of relevant publications and Web sites, including the workshop home page, where you will usually find the contributed position papers themselves as well as other material that goes into each covered topic more closely.

Finally, as editors, we harmonized the report titles to mention only the topics of the workshops (their abbreviations are available from the subtitles) and grouped workshops on related subjects into domains as shown in the table of contents.

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