Preface

With this IFIP working conference, we premiered joining the International Conference on Human-Centered Software Engineering (HCSE) and the International Conference on Human Error, Safety, and System Development (HESSD). Together they became HCSE+HESSD 2016.

In the tradition of both conference series, HCSE+HESSD 2016 was a single track working conference which aimed at bringing together researchers and practitioners interested in different areas of human-centered software engineering and in the development of systems, in particular safety-critical systems, that are resilient to human error. HCSE’s focus is on strengthening the scientific foundations of user interface design, examining the relationship between software engineering and human-computer interaction, and on establishing user-centered design as an essential part of software engineering processes. HESSD emphasizes the design, management, and control of safety-critical systems, the role of human error both in the development and in the operation of complex processes, and leading-edge techniques for mitigating the impact of human error on safety-critical systems, especially techniques that can be easily integrated into existing systems engineering practices.

HCSE 2016 was the sixth in a series of conferences promoted by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group WG 13.2 on Methodologies for User-Centered Systems Design. Previous events were held in Salamanca, Spain (2007); Pisa, Italy (2008); Reykjavik, Iceland (2010); Toulouse, France (2012); and Paderborn, Germany (2014). While HCSE had initially been organized in conjunction with other conferences, it has grown over the years and was held as a biennial standalone conference in 2012 and 2014. HESSD 2016 was the eighth event in a series of conferences promoted by the IFIP Working Group WG 13.5 on Resilience, Reliability, Safety, and Human Error in System Development. This conference series has been running for more than a decade. Since then its scope has grown with new concerns – especially in autonomous systems and cyber security. Other problems – in task analysis and situation awareness – continue to provide motivation for research today just as they did back in 2004. The generation of new challenges illustrates the vitality of the work being done in this area, the sustained focus on core problems illustrates the generic importance of this area of research. In 2016 we joined HCSE and HESSD together since there is a substantial overlap of topics, interests, and participants.

HCSE+HESSD 2016 took place in Stockholm, Sweden, on August 29–31, 2016. It was hosted and locally organized by the Media Technology and Interaction Design Group of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. The conference venue was KTH’s OpenLab center.

HCSE+HESSD 2016 welcomed eleven full research papers, describing substantial novel contributions and advanced results, and ten short papers, presenting late breaking results, practice and experience reports, and practical evaluations. The program was
complemented by tool demonstrations and research poster presentations. Four of them had their own paper contributions. All these papers are featured in this collection. We received 32 complete submissions for peer review. All qualified submissions were independently reviewed in a joint single-blind process by, in general, three reviewers, who were selected members of the HCSE+HESSD 2016 Program Committee. In addition, the papers and reviews were extensively discussed by the Program, Technical Paper, and Demo and Poster Chairs to make the decisions. The Program Committee made use of the possibility to recommend accepting submissions in other categories than they were originally submitted for in some cases. The final decision on acceptance was based on an additional meta-review after the authors had improved their contributions according to the first-round review results. Our sincere gratitude goes to the members of our Program Committee, who devoted countless hours to providing valuable feedback to authors and ensuring the high quality of the shared HCSE +HESSD 2016 technical program.

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