

Preface

FME 2001 is the tenth in a series of meetings organized every eighteen months by Formal Methods Europe (FME), an independent association whose aim is to stimulate the use of, and research on, formal methods for software development. It follows four VDM Europe Symposia, four other Formal Methods Europe Symposia, and the 1999 World Congress on *Formal Methods in the Development of Computing Systems*. These meetings have been notably successful in bringing together a community of users, researchers, and developers of precise mathematical methods for software development.

FME 2001 took place in Berlin, Germany and was organized by the Computer Science Department of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. The theme of the symposium was *Formal Methods for Increasing Software Productivity*. This theme recognizes that formal methods have the potential to do more for industrial software development than enhance software quality – they can also increase productivity at many different points in the software life-cycle.

The importance of the theme is borne out by the many contributed papers showing how formal methods can make software development more efficient. There is an emphasis on tools that find errors automatically, or with relatively little human effort. There is also an emphasis on the use of formal methods to assist with critical, labor-intensive tasks such as program design and test-case generation.

The many application areas addressed in the various parts of the symposium (tutorials, workshops, contributed papers, and invited papers) include smart cards, avionic and satellite computers, financial contracts, E-commerce, middleware, security, telecommunications, and the FireWire standard. Many contributions involve multi-disciplinary teams of researchers coming from both industry and academia. We are pleased to see this evidence of the spreading influence of formal methods.

In addition to the 32 papers selected for presentation by the program committee (out of 72 submissions involving authors from 25 countries), this volume contains the abstracts of three invited talks: *Lightweight Formal Methods*, by Daniel Jackson (Laboratory for Computer Science, MIT); *A Programming Model for Wide-Area Computing*, by Jayadev Misra (University of Texas at Austin); and *Composing Contracts: An Adventure in Financial Engineering* by Simon Peyton Jones (Microsoft Research Ltd).

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Tutorials and Workshops

The following tutorials were scheduled for the two days preceding the research symposium:

SDL 2001 — J. Fischer, Andreas Prinz, and Eckhardt Holz (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and DResearch Digital Media Systems GmbH)

Modeling for Formal Methods — Mícheál Mac an Airchinnigh, Andrew Butterfield, and Arthur Hughes (University of Dublin)

From UML to Z, Support for Requirements Engineering with RoZ — Yves Ledru and Sophie Dupuy (LSR/IMAG)

Beyond Model Checking: Formal Specification and Verification of Practical Mission-Critical Systems — Ramesh Bharadwaj (Naval Research Laboratory, USA)

We are grateful to all those who kindly submitted tutorial proposals. In addition, two international workshops were co-located with the symposium tutorials:

First International Workshop on Automated Verification of Infinite-State Systems (AVISS'01) — organized by Ramesh Bharadwaj (Naval Research Laboratory, USA) and Steve Sims (Reactive-Systems, Inc.)

Formal Approaches to the IEEE 1394 (FireWire) Identify Protocol — organized by Carron Shankland, Savi Maharaj (University of Stirling), and Judi Romijn (University of Nijmegen).

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