Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at ESOP 2016, the 25th European Symposium on Programming, held during April 3–7, 2016, in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, as part of the ETAPS confederation. This year’s program consisted of 29 papers selected from 89 submissions on topics covering every aspect of programming languages research.

Following the positive experience of the previous year, the reviewing process included a rebuttal phase from December 2 to 4, where authors were sent a first cut of their reviews and were able to respond to these reviews, and the selection process concluded with a two-day physical meeting of the program committee. This meeting took place from December 14 to 15, 2015, and was kindly hosted by the University of Frankfurt. Each submission was reviewed by at least three, and on average 3.5, program committee members. Furthermore, each paper had assigned to it a reporting reviewer, whose responsibility was twofold: to make sure that external reviewers were invited whenever not enough non-conflicted expertise could be found in the committee and to present a summary of the reviews and the author responses at the meeting. All non-conflicted program committee members participated in the discussion of a paper’s merits. One paper was desk-rejected before the meeting, as it turned out to be a double submission. Papers authored by members of the program committee were held to a higher standard; no such paper was accepted. Papers for which the program chair had a conflict of interest were kindly handled by Didier Rémy.

My sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of the conference. First of all, to the authors who chose to submit their work to ESOP. To the external reviewers, who provided timely expert reviews, sometimes on short notice. To the program committee members, who went the extra mile to provide extensive reviews, made well-balanced presentations at the meeting, and added detailed comments to explain the decision taken after the rebuttal and the discussion at the meeting. Luminous Fennell helped with preparing and running the meeting smoothly, as well as with the preparation of the proceedings. Marlis Jost helped with organizing the meeting. At the University of Frankfurt, Christian Reichenbach and Jutta Nadland kindly and generously provided local organization and catering for the meeting. EasyChair’s quickly acting support helped manage the online submission and discussion phase as well as the compilation of the proceedings. I really appreciate the effort you all put into ESOP 2016; it would not have been possible without your help.

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