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Preface

The fifth edition of the European Conference on Model-Driven Architecture Foundations and Applications (ECMDA-FA 2009) was dedicated to furthering the state of knowledge and fostering the industrialization of Model-Driven Architecture (MDA) and Model-Driven Engineering (MDE). MDA is an initiative proposed by the Object Management Group for platform-generic systems development; MDA is one of a class of approaches under the umbrella of MDE. MDE and MDA promote the use of models in the specification, design, analysis, synthesis, deployment, and evolution of complex software systems.

It is a pleasure to be able to introduce the proceedings of ECMDA-FA 2009. ECMDA-FA 2009 addressed various MDA areas including model transformations, modelling language issues, modelling of behavior and time, traceability and scalability, model-based embedded systems engineering, and the application of model-driven development to IT and networking systems.

ECMDA-FA 2009 focused on engaging key European and international researchers and practitioners in a dialogue which will result in a stronger, more efficient industry, producing more reliable software on the basis of state-of-the-art research results. ECMDA-FA is a forum for exchanging information, discussing the latest results and arguing about future developments of MDA and MDE. Particularly, it is one of the few venues that engages both leading academic researchers and industry practitioners, with the intent of creating synergies.

The Program Committee accepted, with the help of additional reviewers, research papers and industry papers for ECMDA-FA 2009. We received 72 submissions. Of these, a total of 23 were accepted: 16 research papers and 7 industrial papers. We thank the Program Committee for their thorough reviews and detailed discussion during the selection process.

There are so many people who deserve warm thanks and gratitude. The fruitful collaboration of the Organization, Steering and Program Committee members and the vibrant MDE/MDA community led to a successful conference: ECMDA-FA 2009 obtained excellent results in terms of submissions, program size, and attendance.

The Steering Committee members helped with various issues and we enjoyed continuous and constructive interactions with them. Arend Rensink, the Conference Chair, led a highly responsive and very organized local team. In addition, ECMDA-FA 2009 was complemented by a varied and successful set of workshops and tutorials: for this we would like to thank the Workshops and Tutorials Chair, Luís Ferreira Pires.

We would like to thank the University of Twente, MODELPLEX, the Centre for Telematics and Information Technology (CTIT) and the European Association of Software Science and Technology (EASST) for their support.

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