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The EXPRESS workshops aim at bringing together researchers interested in the relations between various formal systems in computer science, in particular in the field of concurrency. More specifically, they focus on the comparison between programming concepts (such as concurrent, functional, imperative, logic and object-oriented programming) and between mathematical models of computation (such as process algebras, Petri nets, event structures, modal logics, rewrite systems etc.) on the basis of their relative expressive power.

The EXPRESS workshops were originally held as meetings of the HCM project EXPRESS, which was active with the same focus from January 1994 until December 1997. The first three workshops were held in Amsterdam (1994, chaired by Frits Vaandrager), Tarquinia (1995, chaired by Rocco De Nicola) and Dagstuhl (1996, co-chaired by Ursula Goltz and Rocco De Nicola). The workshop in 1997, which took place in Santa Margherita Ligure and was co-chaired by Catuscia Palamidessi and Joachim Parrow, was organized as a conference with a call for papers and a significant attendance from outside the project. As of 1998 (so, also this year), the workshops are held as satellite workshops of the CONCUR conferences. In 1998, this was in Nice, co-chaired by Iliaria Castellani and Catuscia Palamidessi, in 1999 in Eindhoven, co-chaired by Iliaria Castellani and Björn Victor, in 2000 at Pennsylvania State University, co-chaired by Luca Aceto and Björn Victor, in 2001 at BRICS, Aalborg University, co-chaired by Luca Aceto and Prakash Panangaden, in 2002 in Brno, co-chaired by Uwe Nestmann and Prakash Panangaden and finally in 2003 in Marseille, co-chaired by Flavio Corradini and Uwe Nestmann.

This year, in response to the call for papers, we received 22 submissions. The program committee selected 9 of these for presentation at the workshop. In addition, the workshop contains two invited presentations, by Rocco De Nicola and Rob van Glabbeek. As a result, this proceedings contains 11 papers. We would like to thank the authors of the submitted pa-

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