Editorial

Signs of a thriving journal

The number of submissions to the Journal of Systems and Software has been steadily growing over the past years, from around 600 in 2008 to over 1000 in 2011 and 2012. The acceptance rate over this same period has remained more or less constant, at slightly below 20%. One consequence of this increase has been a steady rise in the number of high-quality papers published – as you readers will have noticed. Another consequence has been the increased workload of (area) editors, as well as the large number of reviewers that help us select and improve papers.

Another consequence of this increase in size is that we can more visibly emphasize new areas that we think are vital to the field of Systems and Software Engineering. We do so by starting two new areas as of January 2013, one on “Human Aspects in Software Development”, and one on “Model-driven Software Development”. I am delighted to welcome Daniela Damian from the University of Victoria, Canada, and Benoit Baudry, from INRIA, France, as new Area Editors on the team.

Dr. Daniela Damian is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science of the University of Victoria, Canada, where she leads research in the Software Engineering Global interaction Laboratory (SEGAL, segal.uvic.ca). Her broad research interests include Software Engineering, Requirements Engineering, Computer-supported Cooperative Work and Empirical Software Engineering. Daniela was the program co-chair for the First International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE06), and a guest editor of the IEEE Software Special Issue on Global Software Engineering (September/October 2006). She had served on the Steering Committee for the Conference on Global Software Engineering. She is currently on the editorial boards of the Journals of Requirements Engineering and the Requirements Engineering Area Editors for the Journal of Empirical Software Engineering. She has been the program committee boards of several conferences including the International Conference on Requirements Engineering, Software Engineering and Foundations of Software Engineering. Daniela is an IBM Visiting Research Fellow.

Dr. Benoit Baudry is a research scientist at INRIA. He received a PhD degree in Computer Science from the University of Rennes, France, in 2003. He first worked at CEA (French center for atomic energy) before joining INRIA in 2004. In 2008 he was a visiting researcher in Colorado State University for one year. His research interests include software testing and verification, model-driven engineering, and requirements analysis. He has published more than 60 papers in international journals and conferences. He leads the INRIA TRISKELL team, which includes 35 researchers and students investigating model-driven engineering and software product lines from requirements to runtime. He is on the steering committee of the IEEE International Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation (ICST) and on the editorial board of the Journal for Software and Systems Modeling (SoSyM).

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