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Call for Papers

Important Dates

Abstracts due:
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Papers due:
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Notification of authors:
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Since 1994, when the first RefsQ took place, Requirements Engineering (RE) never ceased to be a dominant factor influencing the quality of software, systems and services. The RefsQ working conference series has now established itself as one of the leading international forums to discuss RE in its (many) relations to quality.

RefsQ'09 seeks reports of novel ideas and techniques that enhance the quality of RE's products and processes, as well as reflections on current research and industrial RE practices.

Working conference format

RefsQ has a long tradition of being a highly structured and interactive forum. Each session is organised in order to provoke discussion among the presenters of papers, pre-assigned discussants and all the other participants.

Scope

We invite submissions on any aspect of RE. We encourage researchers and practitioners from the RE, software engineering, information systems, service science and embedded systems fields to present original work. Contributions from related areas such as formal methods, systems engineering, human computer interaction, economics, management and social sciences are very welcome for the insights they provide in RE.

Special theme: value and risk

This year, we particularly welcome submissions that address the notions of *value* and *risk* in their relation to RE and quality.

Ensuring that requirements, and eventually running systems, meet the values of the individuals and organisations that they are meant to serve has always been at the core of RE. Nowadays, continuously changing technology, ubiquitous software, ever-growing system complexity, and unheard of market pressure simultaneously with new business models based, e.g., on crowdsourcing, make the concern for value all the more present and challenging.

The notion of value is inseparably connected to the notion of risk. We are challenged both by *product risks*, i.e. risks that threaten the value we want to achieve with the systems we build, and *project risk*, i.e. the risk of not achieving the intended value when building a system. Identifying and mitigating risks is a core task of RE.

Submission

We invite original submissions in various categories:

- **Full research papers** (up to 15 pages), including **solution papers, empirical studies, surveys**, and **comparative studies**,
- **Experience reports** (up to 15 pages), describing positive and negative experiences,
- **Vision papers** (up to 6 pages) stating where the research in the field should be heading towards,
- **Problem statements** (up to 6 pages) describing open issues of pratical or theoretical nature,
- **Research previews** (up to 6 pages) reporting on research results at a premature stage.

See www.refsq.org for detailed instructions to authors about format, evaluation criteria and submission procedure.

Publication

The proceedings will be published in Springer's Lecture Notes in Computer Science series.

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