

Call For Papers for the 2nd Workshop "RE in Small Companies (RESC)"

On 30th/31st of March 2010 at REFSQ'11 Conference in Essen

The RESC workshop intends to achieve an intensive exchange between RE researchers and people responsible for requirements management in small companies.

With this in mind, the following two types of contributions are requested:

The focus of this workshop is on **Position Papers (3-5 pages)**: Short papers state the position of the author(s) on any of the topics within the scope of the workshop either from industrial or RE research perspective.

A position paper from industry should describe their needs for improving current RE practices in their typical project environment, problems / solutions regarding past and current RE problems or interesting experiences in SME project management or RE. A position paper from a researcher should describe ideas, visions or simple solutions (tricks) that deal with the RE in SME.

Position papers will be evaluated based on their practical relevance, potential for generating discussion, and on the originality of the positions expressed.

Full Papers (7-10 pages): Full papers describe and report on concepts for and experiences with innovation in the RE practice of SME. For example, a full paper could describe a research or practical approach for requirements specification in the context of developing bespoke software in a small company. Full papers will be evaluated based on the originality and significance of the contribution, the soundness of the validation process, and on the potential for practical applicability of the results.

Submissions should be formatted according to the Springer LNCS format. Instructions are available at <http://www.springer.com/computer/lncs?SGWID=0-164-6-793341-0>.

List of Workshop Topics

From enterprise perspective:

We are interested in your practice! Tell us how you elicit your customers' needs. Tell us how you communicate your customers' needs to your developers. We are interested in the following topics:

- How is the common project context of a SME characterized and which special difficulties with RE can be derived from the situation described?
- What influences SME in shaping their requirements management techniques?
- What do SME learn from the textbooks, which techniques are applied?
- Which practices are rejected and why?
- What is missing in RE tool support for an SME?

From RE research perspective:

- How to simplify methodical innovation and/or improvement for the RE-practice in SME?
- Which concepts can help to overcome identified methodical deficiencies resp. obstacles for the application of RE approaches in SME?
- How to integrate RE with all the other activities in the software lifecycle as for example the design of user interaction, the design of software architecture, the implementation and test of software functionalities?
- How to implement more continuity in the work on requirements in SME throughout the whole software lifecycle in SME projects?
- How to evaluate if developed RE strategies are appropriate for these companies?
- How to measure SME size? When does a company stop being small?

Important Dates

- January, 24th 2011 Paper Submission Deadline
- March, 1st 2011 Notice of Acceptance
- March, 14th 2011 Camera Ready Paper Version
- March, 30th/31st 2011 Workshop Date

For submission information browse to <http://korem.de/resc2011.html> or <http://refsq.org>