From the Editors

This volume represents the proceedings of ECSCW 2011, the 12th European Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work, held in Aarhus Denmark, September 24-28, 2011.

ECSCW 2011 received 85 competitive paper and note submissions. After extensive review, 22 were selected to form the core of the traditional single-track technical programme for the conference. These are supplemented by exciting workshops and masterclasses that cover a broad range of topics and allow for wider and more active participation. These will be published in the on-line supplementary proceedings, together with the expanded selection of demonstrations, videos, and poster abstracts.

The technical program this year focuses on work and the enterprise as well as on the challenges of involving citizens, patients, and others into collaborative settings. The papers embrace new theories, and discuss known ones. They challenge the ways we think about and study work and contribute to the discussions of the blurring boundaries between home and work life. They introduce recent and emergent technologies, and study known social and collaborative technologies, such as wikis and video messages. Classical settings in computer supported cooperative work, such as meetings and standardization are looked upon anew. With contributions from all over the world, the papers in interesting ways help focus on the European perspective in our community.

Many people have worked hard to ensure the success of this conference, and we briefly acknowledge them here: all the authors who submitted high quality papers; all those who contributed through taking part in workshops, masterclasses, demonstrations, and posters; the 83 member global Programme Committee, which dedicated time and energy to reviewing and discussing individual contributions and shaping the programme; the people who helped organise the programme: the workshop and masterclass chairs, the chairs of demos and videos, posters, student volunteers, and various other arrangements. Finally, the student volunteers who provided support throughout the event; and we thank the sponsors and those who offered their support to the conference.

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