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- The IFIP World Computer Congress, held every second year;
- Open conferences;
- Working conferences.

The flagship event is the IFIP World Computer Congress, at which both invited and contributed papers are presented. Contributed papers are rigorously refereed and the rejection rate is high.

As with the Congress, participation in the open conferences is open to all and papers may be invited or submitted. Again, submitted papers are stringently refereed.

The working conferences are structured differently. They are usually run by a working group and attendance is small and by invitation only. Their purpose is to create an atmosphere conducive to innovation and development. Refereeing is also rigorous and papers are subjected to extensive group discussion.

Publications arising from IFIP events vary. The papers presented at the IFIP World Computer Congress and at open conferences are published as conference proceedings, while the results of the working conferences are often published as collections of selected and edited papers.

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# **Preface**

The 9th International Conference on Open Source Systems of the IFIP working group was again organized in Europe after three successful editions organized in North America, South America, and Africa. This year we received several high-quality contributions, both full papers and short papers, and two workshop proposals. The conference hosted a doctoral consortium and invited distinguished speakers. The success of this year's edition was possible thanks to the contributions of the Organizing Committee, the Program Committee, workshop organizers, the Doctoral Consortium Committee, and the authors of the contributed manuscripts coming from over 20 countries. We are also thankful to the organizers of the previous conferences for all their suggestions.

We were positively surprised this year to receive contributions, from all continents, showing the truly international scope of the Open Source Systems conference and the diffusion of open source initiatives worldwide. The open source that was initially based on a rich set of free software initiatives proved to be a viable and often highly successful alternative to traditional, closed source, software development. Several key topics in open source software research were introduced in previous editions of the conference. Based on enlightening study results presented in key journals and conferences, the open source approach proved to be not limited only to software development but showed that it can also be extended to affine domains such as publishing, education and also tangible products development. These initiatives were addressed by some interesting contributions presented during this year's Open Source Systems conference.

This book is a collection of 18 carefully peer-reviewed full paper contributions and 3 short paper contributions. At the end of the volume, readers can find the presentation of the topics covered in two workshops held together with the main conference. The first part of this volume is dedicated to studies focused on the innovation and sustainability of open source systems initiatives. The second section is dedicated to contributions focused on practices and methods adopted by open source systems communities. A section is dedicated to innovative technologies for managing open source systems development and execution of open source software. Two studies focus on two important aspects: information security in open source projects and the adoption of open standards. The last section containing full papers is dedicated to business models and licensing aspects in open source initiatives.

We believe that this book will be a valuable milestone for the open source software research community and that it adds new insights into this still-growing area. We hope that the content will further enrich the open source research community, the producers, integrators, and final users of open source systems,

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and will be useful to readers who are part of communities where openness is considered a valuable resource. Our thanks go particularly to all developers, documentation writers, translators, and in general to all contributors to open source initiatives that make our field of study interesting.

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