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IFIP is a non-profitmaking organization, run almost solely by 2500 volunteers. It operates through a number of technical committees, which organize events and publications. IFIP's events range from an international congress to local seminars, but the most important are:

- 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 less 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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IFIP World Computer Congress 2010 (WCC 2010)

Message from the Chairs

Every two years, the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) hosts a major event which showcases the scientific endeavors of its over one hundred technical committees and working groups. On the occasion of IFIP's 50th anniversary, 2010 saw the 21st IFIP World Computer Congress (WCC 2010) take place in Australia for the third time, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Queensland, September 20–23, 2010.

The congress was hosted by the Australian Computer Society, ACS. It was run as a federation of co-located conferences offered by the different IFIP technical committees, working groups and special interest groups, under the coordination of the International Program Committee.

The event was larger than ever before, consisting of 17 parallel conferences, focusing on topics ranging from artificial intelligence to entertainment computing, human choice and computers, security, networks of the future and theoretical computer science. The conference History of Computing was a valuable contribution to IFIP's 50th anniversary, as it specifically addressed IT developments during those years. The conference e-Health was organized jointly with the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA), which evolved from IFIP Technical Committee TC-4 "Medical Informatics".

Some of these were established conferences that run at regular intervals, e.g., annually, and some represented new, groundbreaking areas of computing. Each conference had a call for papers, an International Program Committee of experts and a thorough peer reviewing process of full papers. The congress received 642 papers for the 17 conferences, and selected 319 from those, representing an acceptance rate of 49.69% (averaged over all conferences). To support interoperation between events, conferences were grouped into 8 areas: Deliver IT, Govern IT, Learn IT, Play IT, Sustain IT, Treat IT, Trust IT, and Value IT.

This volume is one of 13 volumes associated with the 17 scientific conferences. Each volume covers a specific topic and separately or together they form a valuable record of the state of computing research in the world in 2010. Each volume was prepared for publication in the Springer IFIP Advances in Information and Communication Technology series by the conference's volume editors. The overall Publications Chair for all volumes published for this congress is Mike Hinchey.

For full details of the World Computer Congress, please refer to the webpage at <http://www.ifip.org>.

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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of two conferences held as part of the 21st IFIP World Computer Congress in Brisbane, Australia, 20–23 September 2010.

The first part of the book presents the proceedings of DIPES 2010, the 7th IFIP Conference on Distributed and Parallel Embedded Systems. The conference, introduced in a separate preface by the Chairs, covers a range of topics from specification and design of embedded systems through to dependability and fault tolerance.

The second part of the book contains the proceedings of BICC 2010, the 3rd IFIP Conference on Biologically-Inspired Collaborative Computing. The conference is concerned with emerging techniques from research areas such as organic computing, autonomic computing and self-adaptive systems, where inspiration for techniques derives from exhibited behaviour in nature and biology. Such techniques require the use of research developed by the DIPES community in supporting collaboration over multiple systems.

We hope that the combination of the two proceedings will add value for the reader and advance our related work.

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Preface

IFIP Working Group 10.2 was pleased to sponsor DIPES 2010, the IFIP Conference on Distributed and Parallel Embedded Systems. The conference was held in Brisbane, Australia during September 20-22, 2010 as part of the IFIP World Computer Conference.

Already when establishing this conference series in 1998, the idea of distribution, where the control task is carried out by a number of controllers distributed over the entire system and connected by some interconnect network, was emphasized in its title. This idea naturally leads to the recent research field of cyber physical systems where embedded systems are no longer seen as “closed boxes” that do not expose the computing capability to the outside. Instead networked embedded systems interact with physical processes in a feedback loop leading to ever more “intelligent” applications with increased adaptability, autonomy, efficiency, functionality, reliability, safety, and usability. Examples like collision avoidance, nano-tolerance manufacturing, autonomous systems for search and rescue, zero-net energy buildings, assistive technologies and ubiquitous health-care cover a wide range of domains influencing nearly all parts of our lives.

Hence, the design of distributed embedded systems interacting with physical processes is becoming ever more challenging and more than ever needs the interdisciplinary research of designers and researchers from industry and academia. DIPES provides an excellent forum for discussing recent research activities and results.

DIPES 2010 received 37 submissions: 30 from Europe, 4 from South America, 2 from Asia/Australia, and 1 from Africa. From these submissions, the Program Committee accepted 18 papers for presentation at the conference. The contributions present advanced design methods for distributed embedded systems, starting from specification and modelling over verification and validation to scheduling, partitioning and code generation, also targeting specific architectures such as upcoming multi-core systems or reconfigurable systems.

We would like to thank all authors for their submitted papers and the Program Committee for their careful reviews. Our thanks also go to Rolf Ernst for his inspiring keynote speech on mastering the conflicting trends safety, efficiency and autonomy in embedded systems design. We gratefully acknowledge the superb organization of this event by the WCC Committee. Furthermore, we also thank our colleague Claudius Stern for his valuable support in preparing the camera-ready material for this book.

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