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PREFACE

The ICWE 2009 Doctoral Consortium is an international forum for PhD students working in Web Engineering issues. Our intent is to give students the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and friendly atmosphere and at the same time to serve as the "entrance door" for them to participate in a major conference like ICWE. Students can interact with each others and receive advise from researchers attending to the DC.

The documents in this volume will be presented during the consortium and were reviewed by an international program committee. The paper shows an important variety of themes from services to queries, from Web 2.0 to Semantic Web, from evolution to personalization.

Doctoral research is one of the parameters to measure the richness and maturity of a field. We are happy that this applies well to the Web Engineering domain. The contributions to the Doctoral Consortium reflect that the field is active and growing. A selected Program Committee was set up to help reviewing and selecting the papers to be presented at the consortium. Members of the Doctoral Consortium Program Committee were Sven Casteleyn, Florian Daniel, Damiano Distante, María Jose Escalona, Fernando Figueroa, Joan Fons, Daniela Godoy, Nora Koch, Luis Olsina, and Wieland Schwinger. The Doctoral Consortium also included a keynote talk by Sven Casteleyn, from The Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, on research issues in Web Engineering.

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