Preface

This volume collects the papers presented at the CHItaly 2013 Doctoral Consortium, held in Trento (Italy) on September 16th 2013. The CHItaly conference is a biannual event organized by the SIGCHI Italian Chapter. This year the conference reached its tenth edition and for the first time it hosted a Doctoral Consortium with the aim of supporting PhD students to present and share ideas about their research and gather feedback from senior experts.

A good number of contributions was received from all over Europe. A Program Committee reviewed the contributions and finally selected 10 papers for presentation at the doctoral consortium. The selection was based on the maturity of the described research and its potential impact, and on quality of writing and presentation. The accepted papers span a good variety of themes, from new interaction paradigms, to methods supporting collaboration, to end user development and evaluation methods. They reveal the vitality of the Italian CHI community and its capability to attract contributions from abroad.

During the event, PhD students were provided with a friendly and lively atmosphere for presenting their research ideas and exchanging experiences with other students. They also received useful suggestions from senior researchers for the completion of their dissertation. We are immensely grateful to the panel of experts, and more specifically to Prof. Monica Bordegoni, Prof. Maria Francesca Costabile and Prof. Roberto Polillo who attended the event and provided such a supportive setting for feedback on the students current research and guidance on future directions.

We also deeply thank the PhD students, for contributing and enthusiastically presenting their research, and the Program Committee members for their effort in the selection of the accepted papers. We finally thank the CHItaly 2013 Conference Chairs for giving us the possibility of organizing the Doctoral Consortium.

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