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Preface

We welcome you to the 4th International Conference on E-Commerce and Web Technology (EC-Web 2003) held in conjunction with DEXA 2003 in Prague, Czech Republic. This conference, first held in Greenwich, UK in 2000, is now in its fourth year and is very well established. As in the three previous years, it served as a forum to bring together researchers from academia and commercial developers from industry to discuss the current state of the art in e-commerce and Web technology. Inspirations and new ideas emerged from intensive discussions during formal sessions and social events.

The keynote addresses, research presentations and discussions during the conference helped to further develop the exchange of ideas among the researchers, developers and practitioners who attended.

The conference attracted 108 submissions and each paper was reviewed by at least three program committee members. The program committee selected 42 papers for presentation and publication, a task which was not easy due to the high quality of the submitted papers.

We would like to express our thanks to our colleagues who helped with putting together the technical program: the program committee members and external reviewers for their timely and rigorous reviews of the papers, and the organizing committee for their help in administrative work and support. We owe special thanks to Gabriela Wagner and Maria Schweikert for always being available when their helping hand was needed.

Finally, we would like to thank all the authors who submitted papers, authors who presented papers, and the participants who together made this conference an intellectually stimulating event through their active contributions.

We hope that you enjoyed the conference and the hospitality of Prague.

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