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Preface

The aim of the International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM) is to provide an international forum to discuss research issues in formal methods as well as to bring practitioners and researchers together to further develop and to apply them to real-world problems. Formal methods are now being used in wide range of industrial sectors, and particularly in safety-critical areas such as railways, automobiles, and avionics. We hope that ICFEM plays an important role in encouraging researchers not only to advance theories but also to develop application techniques of formal methods.

This was the 14th conference in the series and the third time that it was held in Japan. It has been over a year since the Great East Japan earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster took place. We really appreciate the encouragement, concern, and humanitarian aid from all over the world and would like people to come and see how we quickly recovered from such a great disaster.

The Program Committee received 85 submissions from 30 countries and each paper was reviewed by at least three expert reviewers. We chose 31 papers as the result of intensive discussions held among the Program Committee members. We really appreciate the excellent reviews and lively discussions of the Program Committee members and external reviewers in the review process. This year we chose three prominent invited speakers, Mario Tokoro from Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Robert E. Shostak from Vocera Communications, Inc., and Darren Cofer from Rockwell Collins, Advanced Technology Center. The abstracts of their talks are included in these proceedings.

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