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Preface

The mission of JMLC is to explore the concepts of well-structured programming languages and software, and those of teaching good design and programming style. A special interest is the construction of large and distributed software systems. JMLC – in the future it may be renamed to PMLC (Programming Methodology and Languages) – has already a long tradition; earlier conferences were held in 1987 (Bled, Slovenia), 1990 (Loughborough, UK), 1994 (Ulm, Germany), 1997 (Linz, Austria) and 2000 (Zürich, Switzerland).

JMLC 2003 attracted 47 papers from 10 countries (Australia, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, UK, USA). Each paper was reviewed by three representatives of the international program committee. Seventeen papers were accepted as full and 10 further papers as short contributions. In a second, simplified reviewing process the editors of this proceedings checked that all authors had accounted for the detailed comments of the reviewers.

In addition to the regular program, JMLC 2003 invited five distinguished speakers: Niklaus Wirth (ETH Zürich), Michael Franz (UCI, Irvine), Jayadev Misra (UT, Austin), C.A.R. Hoare (Microsoft Research and Oxford University) and Jim Miller (Microsoft Corporation), the latter two in common with the co-located EuroPar 2003 conference.

JMLC 2003 invited four tutorials: On *.NET* (Hanspeter Mössenböck, Wolfgang Beer, Dietrich Birngruber and Albrecht Wöß, University Linz and Tech-Talk); *C#* (Judith Bishop, University of Pretoria and Nigel Horspool, University of Victoria); and *Design by Contract and the Eiffel Method and Trusted Components and Attempts at Proofs* (Bertrand Meyer, ETH Zürich and Eiffel Software).

A memorial panel and exhibition were organized in honor of the recently deceased great computing scientists Ole-Johan Dahl, Edsger W. Dijkstra and Kristen Nygaard. The virtual part of the exhibition has been made available for everybody over the conference Web-site (<http://jmlc-itec.uni-klu.ac.at/>).

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