

Foreword

The MoDELS 2007 Doctoral Symposium was held in Nashville (TN), USA, on October 1st, 2007. This volume contains the final versions of the papers accepted for presentation at the Symposium.

The Symposium provided a forum for Ph.D. students to discuss their goals, methodology and results at an early stage in their research, in a critical but supportive and constructive environment. The symposium offered an opportunity for student participants to interact with other students at a similar stage in their careers and with established researchers in the software modeling community.

Submissions were judged on originality, overall contribution, technical merit, presentation quality and relevance to the conference topics. Each submission was reviewed by two mentors from the Symposium Committee.

The symposium was intended for students who had already settled on a specific research topic (closely related to model-driven engineering) and had obtained initial results, but still had enough time remaining before their final defence so that they might benefit from the symposium experience. The symposium aim was to provide useful guidance for the completion of the dissertation research and motivation for a research career.

The mentors comprising the organizing committee were:

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