

# ANNUAL REPORT 2013



**11th International Conference on Services Computing  
ICSOC 2013  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
Berlin, Germany**

# Report of the Executive Board

## Scientific Activities: ICSOCS 2013.

As in the years before the key scientific event of 2013 was the International Conference on Service Oriented Computing (ICSOC 2013). The conference was held in Berlin, locally organized by General Chair Wolfgang Reisig and his team and Bernd Krämer, Finance Chair of this conference and ICSOC Steering Committee Liaison Chair. The organizing committee of ICSOC 2013, led by Wolfgang Reisig and Jianwen Su, put high efforts in the planning and implementation of the Berlin conference. With 160 participants, the conference was extraordinarily successful. The conference and workshop attendees experienced an outstanding technical program and the social program, which Wolfgang Reisig's team in Berlin had prepared, provided some memorable moments with a reception in the venerable Senate Hall of Humboldt University and a conference dinner in a penthouse on Gendarmenmarkt, the most beautiful plaza of Berlin.



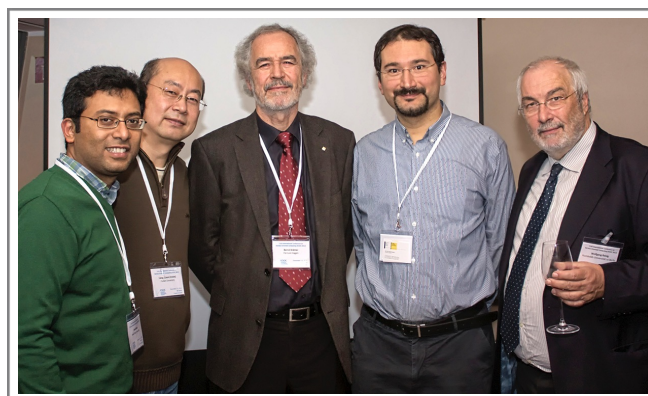
General Co-Chairs Jianwen Su  
the conference dinner

and Wolfgang Reisig opening

Christmas Market at Gendarmenmarkt



Steering Committee (SC) Chair Mike Papazoglou and  
ServTech President Bernd Krämer presenting Best Paper  
Award donated by ServTech



Organizing Committee members (from left): Samik Basu  
(USA), Liang Zhang (China), PC co-Chairs; Bernd Krämer  
(Germany), Finance Chair; Cesare Pautasso (Switzerland),  
PC co-Chair; Wolfgang Reisig (Germany), General co-Chair



As in the years before, ICSOC 2013 observed a high submission rate with 205 research papers, 15 industry papers, 11 submissions to the PhD Symposium, and 22 submissions to the demonstration track. As only 26 full research papers and 26 short papers were accepted, the acceptance was kept low at a rate of 12.7%, respectively. This testifies again the high quality of this conference series. A regional distribution of submission numbers and accepted papers is shown in the bar chart on the next page.

A special event was the celebration of the *Most Influential Paper Published from 2003 to 2012* that was awarded to Daniela Berardi, Diego Calvanese, Giuseppe De Giacomo, Maurizio Lenzerini, and Massimo Mecella for their paper: "Automatic Composition of E-services that Export their Behavior".



Giuseppe and Massimo accepted the trophy during the banquet.

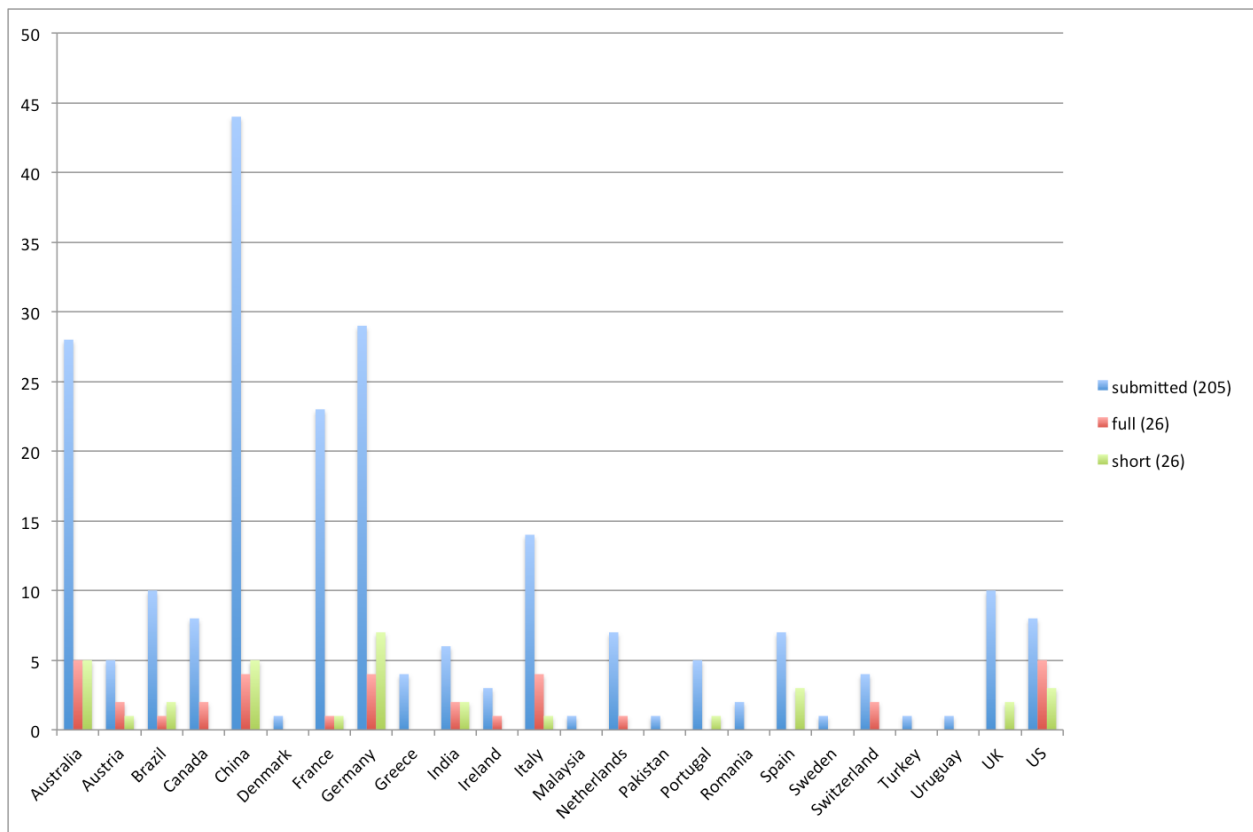
A gallery with more photos from the conference can be found at:

[http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/dvt/photogalleries/ICSOC\\_2013/index.html](http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/dvt/photogalleries/ICSOC_2013/index.html)

Two outstanding keynotes by Richard Hull and Carlo Ghezzi, two tutorials by Manfred Reichert and Jian Yang, a panel on big data, and a demo session framed the paper sessions. The workshop day offered two full day and four half-day workshops and the PhD Symposium, attracting 106 attendees.

### Some Statistics

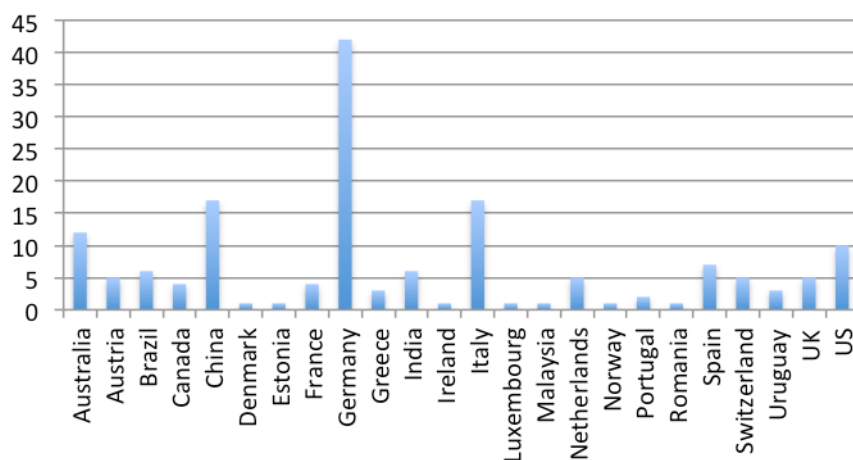
The diagram on the next page depicts the distribution of research paper submissions per major countries (blue bar), accepted full papers (red bar) and short papers (orange bar). Notable is the high number of authors based in China (44) and Australia (28), which indicates a strong and growing research tradition on SOC topics.



For obvious reasons, ICSOC 2012, which was held in Shanghai, observed a significantly higher number of authors based in China (72), Australia (35), India (15), Japan (7), South Korea (5), and even a few from Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh, and other Asian countries. On the other side, the number of authors from the United States who submit papers to ICSOC steadily decreases: still 12 in 2012, now only 8 in 2013.

The diagram below illustrates the participation rate per country for ICSOC 2013. Again, the relatively high number of participants from China and Australia is striking.

### Participants ICSOC 2013 (160)



Geographical distribution of research paper submissions and accepted full and short papers

### Conference Finances

This year the conference budget is nearly balanced. The gross income in conference fees was € 70,011. As every year, IBM sponsored the PhD Symposium with 3,000\$ (€ 2.259). The conferences expenses amounted to € 72,309.12, which created a loss of € 39. The bigger expenses include: conference rooms incl. lunch and break supplies (€ 36,050), conference banquet (€ 11,674), proceedings and shipping (€ 4,052), WLAN (€ 3,392), and keynote speaker expenses (€2,341).

As the budget figures looked positive, we invited student participants to the conference banquet and gave them a copy of the proceedings (both are not included in the student fee).

### Future Events

During the banquet, Steering Committee Chair Mike Papazoglou announced Paris as the venue for ICSOC 2013 and introduced the key organizers of the upcoming event: Samir Tata, Paris (General Chair), Xavier Franch, Barcelona, Aditya Ghose, Wollongong, and Grace Lewis, Pittsburgh (PC co-Chairs).



SC member Boualem Benatallah acts as the Liaison Chair for ICSOC 2014.

### IMAGINE Project

ServTech made again substantial contributions to the key workpackages including the design of the platform architecture, its technological foundations, the evaluation of the DMN management methodology, and dissemination. The deliverables ServTech was responsible for or contributed to were accepted by the Commission after the project's second review.

A financial audit covering years 1 and 2 by an EU certified auditor was successfully concluded.

### ServTech Finances

A tax consultant currently prepares the tax declaration and balance for 2012.