



PC Chair Report on FSCD 2019

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- M. Ayala Rincón, U. of Brasília, Brazil
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J. Waldmann, Leipzig U. App. Sci., Germ.

Try to find a good distribution: research themes, geographics, gender,

- ▶ The program committee consists of 32 members from 18 countries.
- ▶ Continents: EU: 23, North-America: 5, Asia: 2, South-America: 1, Australia: 1
- ▶ Europe: UK 4, Germany 3, Italy 3, Denmark 2, France 2, Netherlands 2, Slovenia 1, Portugal 1, Sweden 1, Austria 1, Poland 1, Spain 1, Czech Republic 1

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- ▶ Schedule:

Titles and Abstracts:	8 February 2019
Full Papers:	11 February 2019
Rebuttal period:	28 March – 1 April 2019
Authors Notification:	8 April 2019
Final version for proc.:	22 April 2019

(at least 8 weeks before meeting)

Submissions and reviewing

FSCD 2019 received 69 regular submissions and 1 system submission, with contributing authors from 18 countries.

	FSCD2016	FSCD2017	FSCD2018	FSCD2019
Abstracts	100	98	81	77
Subm. (reg)	77	74	62	69
Subm. (sys)	5	3	3	1
Accept. (reg)	28	29	26	29
Accept. (sys)	4	0	1	1
Accept.rate	39%	37%	42%	42%
Reviews	262	232	200	212
Ext. reviewers	114	105	108	105

77 abstracts registered but only 69 papers finally submitted (the conversion of abstracts into papers was 90%).

Reviewing and Rebuttal

- ▶ The reviewing process, which included a rebuttal phase, took place over a period of eight weeks.
- ▶ Most papers had 3 reviews, but 5 papers had 4 reviews.
- ▶ Rebuttal phase (review response period) was between March 28 and April 8.
- ▶ 60 responses from authors; 34 reviews were modified, sometimes by modifying the scores; all submissions were discussed, at least by the PC members involved.
- ▶ After the rebuttal, the discussion ran from April 1 until April 8 to reach consensus on the “grey zone” papers.
- ▶ We decided to accept 29 regular papers and 1 system description paper.

Accepted papers and authors

- ▶ 66 authors of 30 accepted papers (total: 145 submitting authors)
- ▶ 5 authors contribute to 2 papers
- ▶ Distribution of authors over countries, with between (-) the total numbers of submitting authors from that country:

France	18 (31)	Austria	2 (10)	Australia	(1)
Italy	7 (11)	Denmark	2 (2)	Canada	(1)
Poland	6 (6)	Portugal	2 (6)	China	(1)
Germany	5 (16)	UK	2 (9)	Czech Rep.	(1)
Spain	4 (4)	Argentina	1 (3)	Estonia	(1)
USA	4 (15)	Hungary	1 (2)	Indonesia	(2)
Japan	3 (8)	Iceland	1 (1)	Norway	(1)
Sweden	3 (4)	Luxemburg	1 (1)	Russia	(1)
Netherlands	3 (4)	Serbia	1 (3)		

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- ▶ After some initial discussion, the PC decided to limit further discussion to the 6 papers written by junior researcher(s) only.
- ▶ After some more discussion, the PC chair proposed a vote, which left 2 papers clearly standing out, and judged equally strong.
- ▶ After consultation with the SC chair, it was decided to split the prize and hand out 2 Best Paper Awards for junior researchers.

Best Paper Awards

FSCD 2019 has two Best Paper Awards for junior researchers.
They are

- ▶ **Mirai Ikebuchi**
for her paper
A Lower Bound of The Number of Rewrite Rules Obtained by
Homological Methods
- ▶ **Jonathan Sterling, Carlo Angiuli and Daniel Gratzer**
for their paper
Cubical Syntax for Reflection-Free Extensional Equality

The Proceedings

- ▶ LIPIcs Proceedings published as volume 131 of LIPIcs and available from <http://drops.dagstuhl.de/> under a Creative Common license: online access is free to all and authors retain rights over their contributions.
- ▶ Efficient support from the Leibniz Center for Informatics at Schloss Dagstuhl.
- ▶ USB stick
- ▶ EasyChair used for reviewing, not to produce FSCD proceedings
- ▶ LMCS special issue, Femke van Raamsdonk co-editor

The Program

- ▶ Invited speakers: 4, try to find a good distribution (over research themes, geographics, gender, ...).
 - ▶ Beniamino Accattoli (France),
 - ▶ Amy Felty (Canada),
 - ▶ Sarah Winkler (Austria),
 - ▶ Hongseok Yang (South-Korea).
- ▶ 29 contributed full papers (30 mins talks), 1 system description paper (30 mins talk).
- ▶ Associated workshops (7)
 - ▶ Prior: WPTE, UNIF
 - ▶ Middle: IFIP WG 1.6 (Rewriting)
 - ▶ Post: IWC, HOR, TLLA, SD.

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- ▶ Invited speakers
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- ▶ Sandra Alves, Publicity Chair
- ▶ Steering committee, lead by Delia Kesner,
- ▶ All participants of the conference

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