

GUEST EDITORIAL PREFACE

Special Issue Comprised of Selected Papers from the SoEA4EE Workshop

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Enterprise Engineering (EE) is the application of engineering principles to the design of Enterprise Architectures (EA). It allows deriving the Enterprise Architecture from the enterprise goals and strategy and aligning it with the enterprise resources.

Enterprise architecture maps the enterprise goals and strategy to the enterprise's resources such actors, assets and IT supports and manages the evolution of this mapping. Services are the governing principle for enterprise architecture. Nearly all newly created enterprise architectures are service-oriented. Cloud-computing, public and private, uses services as paradigm.

Service-oriented Enterprise Engineering as the methodological approach for designing service-oriented enterprise architectures is attracting an increasing attention in research. This is also shown by the success of the workshop series Service-Oriented Enterprise Engineering for Enterprise Architecture initiated by Selmin Nurcan and Rainer Schmidt. The SoEA4EE workshop series has been created as a full day

workshop in conjunction with EDOC'09, in Auckland, New Zealand. In the following years, SoEA4EE followed EDOC to Victoria (Brasil), Helsinki (Finland), Beijing (China), Vancouver (Canada). 2014 SoEA4EE takes place in Ulm (Germany).

In 2012, the SoEA4EE workshop organizers invited the authors of the selected papers from the four previous editions to submit an extended version of their workshop paper to a special journal issue of the International Journal of Information Systems in the Service Sector (IJISSS). Eight extended papers have been submitted and this shows the interest of the scientific community on the topics underlying the SoEA4EE workshop.

We are happy to present four carefully selected papers covering a broad spectrum of themes in Service Oriented Enterprise Architecture Engineering from technical to conceptual and managerial themes.

In their paper, "A Dynamic Services Discovery Model for better leveraging BPM and

SOA integration”, Alexandre Perin De Souza and Ricardo J. Rabelo strive for increasing the agility of enterprises by improving the integration of business and IT. To achieve this goal the authors introduce a dynamic discovery model for selecting web services according to their adequateness to a given business process model. Further selection criteria are context information and Quality of Service restrictions. Alexandre Perin De Souza and Ricardo J. Rabelo apply an inter-organizational scenario consisting of multiple service providers in a distributed and heterogeneous environment.

Valère Dussaux and Pierre Boiron provide an important insight into the important theme of cloud-computing with their paper “Software services delivered from the cloud: a rising revolution for the implementation of healthcare workflows”. They describe the “Région sans Film” (“Filmless Region”) program for improving Picture Archiving and Communications systems using a cloud-based architecture. By this means, reduction in cost and the creation of new services shall be enabled. Valère Dussaux and Pierre Boiron introduce several architectural approaches and compare their properties. They also describe new workflow capabilities fostering the sharing of expertise.

The third paper “Towards Smart Service Networks: An Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Framework” Yan Wang, Yehia Taher and Willem-Jan van Den Heuvel is devoted to service networks. Organic peer-to-peer interactions enable the co-production of new knowledge and services in service networks. To discover anomalies in the collaboration, cooperation and coordination between network participants, a novel diagnosing method based on the systems thinking mindset is developed. It allows the tuning and optimization of service networks as same as the tracing of the involved service operations.

The paper “Value-oriented Specification of Service Systems - Modelling the Contribution Perspective of Enterprise Networks” from João Pombinho, David Aveiro and Jose Tribolet

addresses shortcomings of existing approaches in enterprise engineering and service science, in particular the lack of capability to model in a structured way the purpose and value of service systems. To guide the current and future development efforts, the authors’ research focuses on three perspectives: construction, function and contribution. Their results enable the clear specification how each component of an enterprise system provides a service.

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