Preface

These are the joint final proceedings of the 11th International Workshop on Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems (FMICS 2006) and the fifth International Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Methods in Verification (PDMC 2006). Both workshops were organized as satellite events of CONCUR 2006, the 17th International Conference on Concurrency Theory that was organized in Bonn, August 2006.

The FMICS workshop continued successfully the aim of the FMICS working group – to promote the use of formal methods for industrial applications, by supporting research in this area and its application in industry. The emphasis in these workshops is on the exchange of ideas between researchers and practitioners, in both industry and academia.

This year the Program Committee received a record number of submissions. The 16 accepted regular contributions and 2 accepted tool papers, selected out of a total of 47 submissions, cover formal methodologies for handling large state spaces, model-based testing, formal description and analysis techniques as well as a range of applications and case studies.

The workshop program included two invited talks, by Anna Slobodova from Intel on "Challenges for Formal Verification in an Industrial Setting" and by Edward A. Lee from the University of California at Berkeley on "Making Concurrency Mainstream." The former full paper can be found in this volume.

Following the tradition of previous workshops, the European Association of Software Science and Technology (EASST) supported a best paper award. This award was granted to Michael Weber and Moritz Hammer for their excellent paper "'To Store or Not To Store' Reloaded: Reclaiming Memory on Demand."

The primary goal of the PDMC workshop series is to present and discuss recent developments in the young area of parallel and distributed methods in verification. Several verification techniques, ranging over model checking, equivalence checking, theorem proving, constraint solving and dependability analysis are addressed by the PDMC community. Verification problems are usually very demanding tasks, especially because the systems that we build and want to verify become increasingly complex.

On the other hand, parallel and distributed computing machinery is widely available. Algorithms and tools must be developed to use this hardware optimally for our verification tasks. Traditionally, we studied algorithms for homogeneous situations, such as parallel shared-memory computers and distributed clusters of PCs. Currently, the emphasis is shifting towards heterogeneous GRIDs. But even modern desktop PCs are quite heterogeneous, consisting of multiple core processors, various memory devices and cache levels, all with their own performance characteristics.

This year's PDMC had nine submissions; six papers were selected for presentation, and four papers were accepted for publication in this volume. In addition, Luboš Brim from Masaryk University, Brno, gave an invited lecture on "Distributed Verification: Exploring the Power of Raw Computing Power." The full paper can also be found in this volume.

We would like to thank all authors for their submissions. We would also like to thank the members of both Program Committees, and the additional referees, for their timely reviewing and lively participation in the subsequent discussion—the quality of the contributions in this volume are also due to their efforts and expertise.

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