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Editorial

Volume IV of Transactions on Aspect-Oriented Software Development continues the special issue on Early Aspects from volume III. The special issue was guest edited by João Araújo and Elisa Baniassad and handled by one of the co-editors-in-chief, Mehmet Aksit. The papers in volume III discussed topics pertaining to analysis, visualisation, conflict identification and composition of Early Aspects. The papers in this volume focus on mapping of Early Aspects across the software lifecycle. Complementing this focus on aspect mapping is a special section on Aspects and Software Evolution guest edited by Walter Cazzola, Shigeru Chiba and Gunter Saake—the co-editor-in-chief handling this issue was Awais Rashid.

We wish to thank the guest editors for their commitment and effort in producing such a high quality volume. We also thank the editorial board for their continued guidance, commitment and input on the policies of the journal, the choice of special issues as well as associate-editorship of submitted articles. Thanks are also due to the reviewers who volunteered time amidst their busy schedules to help realize this volume. Most importantly, we wish to thank the authors who have submitted papers to the journal so far, for their contributions maintain the high quality of Transactions on AOSD.

There are two other special issues on the horizon. One focuses on *aspects, dependencies and interactions* (guest editors: Ruzanna Chitchyan, Johan Fabry, Shmuel Katz and Arend Rensink) for which the call for papers has closed and the papers are currently in the review phase. There is an open call for papers for a special issue on *aspects and model-driven engineering* (guest editors: Jean-Marc Jezequel and Robert France). The call will close on 15 November 2007. These special issues coupled with the regular submissions to the journal mean that we have a number of exciting papers to look forward to in future volumes of Transactions on AOSD.

There are also important changes afoot at the journal. At the last editorial board meeting Don Batory and Dave Thomas volunteered to step down from the editorial board. Their input and guidance were invaluable in the start-up period of the journal. Don was also a very active and conscientious associate editor. We thank them both for their contributions. At the same time, we welcome Bill Harrison, Oege de Moor and Shriram Krishnamurthi to the editorial board and look forward to working with them.

Another major change involves the co-editors-in-chief. As per the journal policy, one of the founding co-editors-in-chief, Mehmet Aksit, is stepping down after the first two years of the journal. So this is the last volume Mehmet will be co-editing in this role. Needless to say, Mehmet has been instrumental in the successful launch of the journal and its operations to date and the editorial board is most grateful for his efforts and contributions. We do not lose Mehmet although as he will remain on the editorial board and continue to guide us.

At the same time, it is with great pleasure we welcome Harold Ossher who will be taking over from Mehmet as co-editor-in-chief. Harold's name needs no introduction in the AOSD and software engineering communities. His work on subject-oriented

programming laid the early foundations of AOSD and, subsequently, his work on multi-dimensional separation of concerns has been fundamental in influencing how we perceive the notion of aspects. The journal will continue to flourish under his guidance and leadership and we feel that the future for both the journal and the AOSD community at large is very bright.

Awais Rashid and Mehmet Aksit
Co-editors-in-chief

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