

# European Software Day

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Papers in scientific conferences are traditionally oriented towards new, innovative ideas and research topics.

Recognizing the strong *engineering* contents of software development it was felt that communication and dissemination of well-proven, industrial strength experience, of 'state-of-the-art' proven methods and best practices is also a strong need of the software industry. The European Commission always stressed this aspect in its Framework Programmes [1] [2], requiring 'dissemination actions' as an important return on the commissions investment in projects.

By definition well-proven methods cannot be 'innovative' in the strict sense of the word. By the time one is able to report on experience and success or failure they already had to stand the test of time and industrial usage. On the other hand this type of information is of high value for the technical community. To cater for the need of dissemination of this type of experience and of state-of-the-art methods and projects, the European Software Day has been created in 1998 [3] and successfully continued in 1999 [4]. It acknowledges that much of our knowledge is based on industrial practice and experience. It offers a set of papers contributing to the state-of-the-art. They were accepted mainly for their practical applicability and their effectiveness. Only papers with a strong industrial background or with a financial support from the European Commission have been accepted.

One finds reports on methods, practices and tools which have proven useful and successful in industrial settings. Because of the shorter deadlines and shorter time-to-market requirements of such projects a much later submission deadline was set and a compressed reviewing process used. This made it impossible to include these papers in the regular proceedings of the workshop. Therefore the European Software Day has its own proceedings sold at cost at the conference [5].

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