

PREFACE

The SPICE Project was formed in 1993 to support the development of an international standard for software process assessment. The work of the project has led eventually to the finalisation of ISO/IEC 15504 – Process Assessment, and its complete publication represented a climax for the work of the project. As part of its charter to provide ongoing publicity and transition support for the emerging standard, the Project organised a number of SPICE Workshops and Seminars, with invited speakers drawn from project participants.

These have now evolved to a sustaining set of international conferences with broad participation from academics and industry with a common interest in model-based process improvement. This is the tenth in the series of Conferences organised by the SPICE Users Group to increase knowledge and understanding of the International Standard, and of the technique of process assessment.

The papers provided in these proceedings fall into two classes. A series of short reports and industry experience reports were submitted. Extended abstracts and in some instances, full papers of these submissions are included in these Proceedings. The technical research papers were selected for presentation following peer review by members of the program committee. The conference program also includes four keynote presentations, some invited papers, a workshop session and a number of tutorials.

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