

Preface

Welcome to the 30th European Symposium on Programming! ESOP 2021 was originally planned to take place in Luxembourg. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was changed to an online event. ESOP is one of the European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software (ETAPS). It is devoted to fundamental issues in the specification, design, analysis, and implementation of programming languages and systems.

This volume contains 24 papers, which the program committee selected among 79 submissions. Each submission received between three and five reviews. After an author response period, the papers were discussed electronically among the 25 PC members and 98 external reviewers. The nine papers for which the PC chair had a conflict of interest (11% of the total submissions) were kindly handled by Patrick Eugster.

The quality of the submissions for ESOP 2021 was astonishing, and very sadly, we had to reject many strong papers. I would like to thank all the authors who submitted their papers to ESOP 2021.

Finally, I truly thank the members of the program committee. I am very impressed by their insightful and constructive reviews – every PC member has contributed very actively to the online discussions under this difficult COVID-19 situation, and supported Patrick and me. It was a real pleasure to work with all of you! I am also grateful to the nearly 100 external reviewers, who provided their expert opinions.

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In the originally published version of the ESOP 2021 preface, in the last sentence, there was an error in the name of “Barbara König”. This has now been corrected.