

Welcome to the 3rd ACM European Chapter leaders workshop

One of the main missions of the ACM is to organize the computer science/informatics community worldwide, yet in Europe it remains fragmented. This 3rd ACM Workshop of European ACM Chapter leaders constitutes an opportunity to create and strengthen ties across country lines and across technical communities, and to provide tools for ACM chapters in Europe to work better. The workshop aims to galvanize chapters and to encourage chapter leaders, by disseminating "best practices" for chapters. It will also serve to understand the specific challenges faced by European chapter leaders, and develop strategies to help them. By providing networking opportunities, by tightening links with and between European chapters, by informing officers about ACM, its benefits (e.g., Distinguished Speaker Program, awards, etc.) and its procedures, by improving procedures and support for PR, marketing and dissemination of information, ACM will increase its value for its members, and will become more effective and useful in Europe.

Background and Organization

Like the ACM itself, the European ACM community has been in existence for more than 50 years. The ACM Europe Council was established in 2009 in order to help recognize and support European ACM members and ACM activities in Europe. The Council comprises European computer scientists committed to fostering the visibility and relevance of ACM in Europe, and is focused on a wide range of European ACM activities, from high-quality ACM conferences in Europe, to expanding ACM chapters, to encouraging greater participation of Europeans in all dimensions of ACM.

Chapters are the backbone of ACM. To support European ACM chapter activities and to build a pan-European community, the **Committee of European Chapter Leaders (CECL)** was formed. CECL is a standing committee of the ACM Europe Council.

The CECL aims to:

- facilitate and help improve chapter operation
- communicate and share information between chapters
- increase the visibility of chapters and of ACM itself
- promote and reward best practices
- mentor less-experienced members
- expand the Distinguished Speakers Program (DSP) in Europe and make it more easily accessible

- increase the European participation in the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)

Committees

The workshop is organized entirely by volunteers.

CECL Members from Chapters

- Gerhard Schimpf, Chair
- George Eleftherakis, Vice Chair
- Gavin Doherty
- Virginia Grande
- Bozena Mannová

Members from the [ACM Europe Council](#)

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- Bozena Mannová