

Preface

This special issue contains papers on topics of the 13th Symposium on Programming Languages and Software Tools (SPLST'13). The series started in 1989 in Szeged, Hungary, and since then, by tradition, it has been organized every second year in Hungary, Finland, and Estonia, with participants coming from all over Europe. The thirteenth edition of the symposium was back again in Szeged on August 26–27, 2013, organized by the Department of Software Engineering of the University of Szeged. The purpose of the SPLST has always been to provide a forum for software scientists to present and discuss recent researches and developments related to programming languages, software tools, and methods for software development. At SPLST'13, there were 20 accepted talks in sections on program analysis, formal verification, software evolution and maintenance, and web technologies. In addition, an invited talk was presented jointly by Hassan Charaf and László Lengyel (Budapest University of Technology and Economics). After the symposium, the authors of selected talks were invited to revise and extend their papers for publication in *Acta Cybernetica*. Following a review process, 9 were accepted for publication, which are presented in this special issue.

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