Foreword

Welcome to the second Erlang Workshop held as part of the federation of conferences on Principles, Logics, and Implementations of High-Level Programming Languages. Erlang workshops started with the millenium, so workshop numbers will match the date for a long while. Good timing, eh?

We look forward to a day as enlightening as that of the first workshop, which was held in Firenze a year ago. Phil Wadler will lead off with a talk (with a typically Wadlerian title) about things that type systems can contribute to software development. His invited presentation will be followed by nine talks on Erlang applications, implementations, enhancements, and tools.

These talks show how a functional language with a strong focus on multitasking can serve a variety of applications, and how tools, methodologies, and language features can improve the effectiveness of Erlang software developers. The story of Erlang is one of the great successes of functional languages, and this workshop provides an opportunity for practitioners to share their experiences with each other and with interested observers of the Erlang scene.

The organizing committee would like to thank ACM SIGPLAN for sponsoring this event, the PLI 02 organizers for their help along the way, the ACM staff for their prompt answers to our many questions, the referees for their well-considered critiques, and especially the authors who submitted papers. These authors left the program committee an abundance of difficult choices, but in the process provided many hours of interesting reading and learning.

Finally, we want to thank the workshop participants. We hope you enjoy the day and take home a new bit of Erlang.

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