

# Message from Doctoral Symposium Chairs of ICSE 2018

The ICSE 2018 Doctoral Symposium was a one-day event held on May 29, 2018 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Doctoral Symposium provided an opportunity for PhD students to present their on-going work and future research plans, and discuss them with experienced researchers and other PhD students in the Software Engineering community. Students participating in the Doctoral Symposium presented their work to a panel of experts who provided each student with feedback on their work and highlighted opportunities that may not have been considered so far.

Twenty-eight students made submissions to the Doctoral Symposium. Submissions underwent a thorough review with each submission receiving feedback from three expert reviewers. Following extensive discussion amongst the reviewers and chairs, nine submissions were accepted as full papers and eight as short papers. A four page summary of each full paper and a two page summary of each short paper appears in these proceedings.

Most of the participating students were in the middle of their PhD; two were close to graduating; and two were in the initial stages. Every student of a paper accepted as full offered a formal presentation at the Doctoral Symposium.

These seventeen PhD proposals give us a glimpse into the future of software engineering research. Everyone attending the Doctoral Symposium will benefit from the presentations and discussions of this important contemporary work from our up-and-coming new software engineering researchers.

To offer students practical guidance on completion of their research and initiation of future research career, the symposium also includes a keynote talk by Jan Vitek, Northeastern University, Boston, USA, an informal panel on “the best and worst of doctoral studies”, poster presentations during lunchtime, and plenty of opportunities for social interactions.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the keynote, panel members and reviewers who provided extensive and constructive feedback to the PhD students, members of the Doctoral Panel for their participation during the day, and last but not least, all PhD students who submitted a proposal to the Doctoral Symposium. We would also like to thank the ICSE 2018 organization committee for helping us deal with all the logistics involved in running the event and for always being there to provide feedback and support.



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