Message from the NIER Chairs of ICSE 2018

It is a great honour to welcome you to the ICSE 2018 New Ideas and Emerging Results (NIER) track. The NIER track provides a forum for innovative, thought-provoking research in software engineering. It invites the presentation of early yet promising and potentially inspiring research efforts.

This year, NIER attracted 101 submissions from all over the world as both *reflection* and *visionary* papers. The reviewing process was performed by a program committee composed of 35 of the world's top software engineering experts from academia and industry. We followed a double-blind reviewing process. Each paper received reviews from three members of the programme committee. The reviewers extensively discussed the papers online. The programme committee eventually accepted 28 papers covering a large variety of software engineering topics, including: empirical studies, programming, security and safety, software analysis, user interfaces, requirements, mining, validation, verification, and the application of software engineering in other domains. The papers will be presented in seven lively NIER sessions during the conference.

We would like to thank the authors of all papers submitted to ICSE 2018 NIER track. We are particularly thankful for the programme committee members who worked extremely hard to review the many submissions and participated in the online discussions. We would also like to thank the General Chair of ICSE 2018, together with the publicity chair and proceedings chairs for all their support to the NIER track.

Finally, we want to thank the attendees for contributing to making NIER 2018 a success. We hope that you will find the program interesting, thought-provoking, and inspiring, and that you will have an opportunity to share ideas with the participants of the NIER track.

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