

# MPLR Bylaws

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## *§ 1 The MPLR Conference*

- (1) The International Conference on Managed Programming Languages and Runtimes (MPLR) will be held once a year. It can be co-located with other conferences.
- (2) The location of the upcoming MPLR conference should be decided not later than the date of the previous MPLR conference.

## *§ 2 Steering Committee*

- (1) The steering committee is responsible for deciding on the locations of MPLR conferences as well as for selecting the conference chairs and the program chairs. It also gives advice on the process of organizing MPLR conferences.
- (2) The steering committee consists of the conference chairs and the program chairs of the previous four MPLR conferences (subject to their agreement). It can elect further members for the period of two years.
- (3) The chair of the steering committee is elected by the steering committee members for the period of one year. The election takes place every year immediately after that year's MPLR conference. The current steering committee chair will initiate the election of a new steering committee chair.
- (4) All decisions and elections of the steering committee are made by majority vote.
- (5) The bylaws can be changed at any time by a majority vote of the steering committee members.

## *§ 3 Conference Chairs and Program Chairs*

- (1) For every instance of the MPLR conference, a conference chair and a program chair are elected by the steering committee. The steering committee may also decide to elect a conference co-chair.
- (2) The election of the next conference and program chairs should happen not later than the date of the previous MPLR conference.
- (3) The program chair will put together a program committee and will propose it to the steering committee for approval. The program committee should include experts from all areas covered by MPLR and should represent a fair balance regarding gender, regions and academia/industry. The ACM guidelines concerning membership in the program committee should be considered.
- (4) The program chair will set up a call for papers with possibly different paper categories and will propose it to the steering committee for approval. Papers should be submitted

electronically, preferably through a web-based system such as EasyChair. The program chair will encourage the program committee members to submit and/or solicit papers for MPLR.

(5) The program chair will assign at least 3 reviewers from the program committee to every submitted paper and will chair the reviewing process. The acceptance of the papers will be decided by the program committee either in a (virtual) program committee meeting or by email discussions.

(6) The program chair is responsible for getting the proceedings of MPLR published, preferably in the ACM Digital Library. The editors of the proceedings are the program chair and the conference chair. The program chair has to communicate early with ACM regarding the proceedings and the in-cooperation status (together with the conference chair) and has to set up authors' guidelines for the submitted papers. The responsibility for the proceedings can be delegated to a dedicated proceedings chair. The program chair or the proceedings chair will keep the steering committee informed about the publication process.

(7) The program chair will put together the conference program from the accepted papers and will organize them in topically related sessions. For every session he or she will assign a session chair. The program chair will also (in coordination with the steering committee) organize keynote sessions as part of the conference program.

(8) The conference chair is responsible for the local organization of the conference (including the social program), for the conference budget (including sponsoring), for registrations and payments, for advertising the conference via newsgroups, mailing lists and other channels as well as for setting up a web page with all information about the submission process, the registration and the conference program. Certain subtasks can be delegated to a publicity chair, a registration chair, a web chair, or a student volunteers chair.

(9) The conference chair will keep the steering committee informed about the budget and the local organization. He or she will maintain a check list of all necessary actions as a help for the conference chair of the next MPLR.

(10) The conference chair and the program chair are not allowed to submit papers to the MPLR conference in the year in which they are chairs. The program committee members can submit papers to MPLR, but are excluded from reviewing or discussing their own papers.