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Preface

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The underlying focus of CE2006 Conference is in developing new methodologies, techniques and tools based on Web technologies required to support the key objectives of CE. For several years, with different technologies of information diffusion and sharing provided by the Web, new opportunities have appeared to improve the concurrent engineering approach. Bringing together concurrent engineering with Web technology and applications constitutes the strong and innovative points of the CE2006 Conference. The Web is not merely an immense book where people can search, browse, and view information. It is also a vast database that can allow computers to do more useful work. By developing a Web that holds information for both human and machine processing, people solve problems that would otherwise be too tedious or complex to solve (www.w3.org).

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- Information Systems in CE
- Semantic indexing of documents
- Innovation and business strategies
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- Cost engineering
- Education, social aspects and humanities
- Tools and applications

We would like to thank all the authors for the high quality of their papers. We would like also to acknowledge the contribution of the key invited speakers, CE2006 International Program Committee and all session chairs in making a successful conference. We thank sincerely the members of the executive and organizing committees who helped in all aspects of organizing the conference (in particular Moisés Dutra Lima, Lionel Médini and Monique Simonetti). Last, we would like to gratefully acknowledge the institutional support and encouragement that we have received from our sponsors (in particular ISPE, INRIA, UCBL, W3C) and the funding received from Conseil Régional PACA, Ministère français des affaires étrangères.

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