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As can be recognized by these proceedings, *IMProVe 2011* has proven to be a forum of experts in engineering and architecture design from academia and industry, committed to share the different experiences, skills and ideas and to, jointly, identify new working hypothesis for the design of innovative products.

The quality of the contributions was assured by a double blind review under the supervision of the Scientific Committee, as explained hereafter. I want to personally thank every member of the Scientific Committee and of the Reviewer Committee for the strong commitment and expertise demonstrated in this sensitive and very important task.

Finally, I hope that this event could be one step towards a stronger and fruitful cooperation among *ADM*, *INGEGRAF* and *AIP-PRIMECA* associations, and also open new links with the innovative experiences in the fields of industrial design and architecture.

Gianmaria Concheri

IMProVe 2011 Chair

IMProVe 2011 Scientific Committee note

The IMProVE 2011 Conference has reached a quite large audience of researchers interested to its topics, and 223 submission have been gathered by the OpenConf CMS, mainly from Europe.

The review process has been possible with the work of the Scientific Committee, to which other 43 colleagues, mainly Italian and Spanish, have given their cooperation to guarantee at least two assessments per paper. Each reviewer has assessed 5 papers (average value) with a variance of ± 3 papers. The double blind review process has selected 156 papers (70%), that have been subdivided between 98 for oral presentation (63%) and 58 for the poster session (37%). Accepted for oral presentation were the papers that reached a score greater than 4/6 (being 6 the greatest value used by the CSM). The paper assessed by a score lower than 4/6 was selected for poster session, even if in some (few) cases the improvement received by the paper, on the basis of reviewer comments, brought it up to oral presentation. Fortunately in few cases (lower than 10) was necessary to assign the assessment to a third reviewer, and this allowed the Scientific Committee to solve the conflict emerged. The papers with scores lower than 2/6 were rejected by S.C. or withdrawn by the authors.

Submitted abstracts: 223

Accepted papers: 156

Papers rejected or withdrawn after the revision process: 67

Accepted papers origin:

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- Colombia	1
- France	13
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- India	1
- USA	1
- Italy	82
- Poland	1
- Spain	61
- Tunisia	2

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Number of reviewers: 82:

- Italy	50
- Spain	18
- France	12
- UK	1
- USA	1

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, I would like to thank all people who spent part of their time to give a real improvement to the papers that will be presented at the Conference.

A further step will remain to do. During oral sessions the quality and the interest of the presentations will be also assessed. On the basis of this latter and the previous scores, a very reduced number of papers will be selected by Scientific Committee for publication on the Int. J. on Interactive Design and Manufacturing.

Good luck and thanks again

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