

Preface

The 6th Workshop on Agent Based Simulation is hosted by the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany. It should have been in Australia in April this year but for several reasons it could not be held as planned. So this workshop was postponed and transferred to Erlangen and collocated with the 18th Symposium of System Simulation held by the German Arbeitsgemeinschaft Simulation ASIM. Participants of both conferences can visit the lectures of the other conference as well. Our thanks go to Professor Ulrich Rude the Chair of the ASIM Conference who gave us the chance to run the ABS6 here in Erlangen.

The 1st Agent Based Simulation Workshop was held in Passau by Bernd Schmidt and repeated twice at the University of Passau. Then the ABS-workshop went to Montpellier and last year to Lisbon.

A conference like this needs a team of dedicated individuals to prepare logistics and execute the necessary details to make the meeting possible. Therefore my special thanks go to Jan Willies. His contribution was invaluable. All the members of the international Program Committee worked hard to organize the review and select the best 10 Papers out of 16 submissions.

This proceeding shows the vitality of the multi-agent system modeling simulation community by the diversity of domain in which MAS is applied:

Special thanks to our keynote speakers Mikhail Prokopenko and Richard Zobel.

A scientific excursion is planned. SIEMENS Medical Solutions invited our participants to visit them.

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I hope you will profit from the days here in Erlangen. I wish you all a fruitful and interesting conference with excellent scientists from all over the world.

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in the name of the ABS-workshop organization team