PREFACE

Dear Colleagues,

You are very welcome to the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group.

This year's papers reflect new research testing the theories and recommended practices, which has always been our focus. We welcome the spinoff of SEMS, the workshops on Software Engineering Methods in Spreadsheets, where academic researchers further explore the possibilities of applying successful software methods to spreadsheets. I look forward to a more practice-orientated focus in Eusprig in future years.

Currently we have about 5,000 unique visitors to our website per month, the most popular page being the horror stories and an active YahooGroup of almost 900 members.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude our sponsors who have supported us financially and professionally. Our logo sponsors this year are CIMCON, Corality, and SpreadsheetSoftware.com, and I recommend you to pick up their brochures and learn about their services. And our dinner sponsor is ICAEW, which I am sure all of you will enjoy.

It is my pleasure to once again acknowledge the keen work of our conference and programme organiser Simon Thorne from Cardiff Met. The committee also depends upon the wise counsel and active support of David Colver of Operis, Grenville Croll of Spreadsheet Engineering Ltd, Angela Collins (secretary), Morten Siersted of F1F9, and Tie Cheng.

Representatives of these organisations have contributed a great amount of expertise in the organising of this conference, the publicity, the proceedings, and much more committee work in the background.

The programme of speakers includes a welcome keynote address from the eminent professor Ray Panko on testing, contributions by researchers from the UK, Netherlands, Hungary, Canada and the USA.

Thank you for your interest and participation, and we look forward to a stimulating and interactive conference!

Patrick O'Beirne, Chair 2015

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