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Preface

The 9th *International Workshop on Software Ecosystems* (IWSECO 2017) was held in Espoo, Finland at November 29th, 2017. The workshop gathered together nearly 30 attendees from both academia and industry. The workshop was supported by *VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland*, *Tampere University of Technology*, and *Tekes — the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation*. IWSECO 2017 was organised day before Slush 2017, the world’s leading startup event, and many of ecosystem researchers and practitioners took part also in this event.

This year’s workshop consisted of 11 workshop papers and a seminal keynote. All papers submitted to the workshop were reviewed by at least three members of program committee and the papers were selected according to suggestions. As a result, the workshop took again multiple vantage points to software ecosystems. The concept of ecosystem and the evolution of software ecosystems was of course front and center of the workshop. In his keynote *Slinger Jansen* narrated the road thus far [1] highlighting the impetus for software ecosystems research. Beyond the keynote, the workshop discussion ventured into looking at strategic decision making [4–6], theoretical framing [9, 10, 12], cases studies [2, 3, 11], industry perspective [7] and to emerging markets [8].

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