Preface

The 2008 CAiSE Doctoral Consortium is an international forum for PhD students working in the areas addressed by the CAiSE conference. The forum is intended to bring together PhD students, and give them the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructively critical atmosphere. The proceedings document the papers presented in the workshop format, which gives students that are somewhere in the middle of their research an opportunity to showcase their research and receive feedback from senior international researchers. Specifically, the goals of the Doctoral Consortium event are:

- To provide fruitful feedback and advice to the selected Ph.D. students on their research thesis.
- To provide the opportunity to meet experts from different backgrounds working on topics related to the Information Systems Engineering field.
- To interact with other PhD students and stimulate an exchange of ideas and suggestions among participants.

The workshop in Montpellier will be the 15th Doctoral Consortium of a series held in conjunction with the CAiSE conferences in Utrecht (1994), Jyväskylä (1995), Heraklion (1996), Barcelona (1997), Pisa (1998), Heidelberg (1999), Stockholm (2000), Interlaken (2001), Toronto (2002), Klagenfurt (2003) Riga (2004), Porto (2005), Luxembourg (2006) and Trondheim (2007).

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