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## ■ Preface

This is the third running of the **S**ummit o**N** **A**dvances in **P**rogramming **L**anguages (SNAPL), a relatively new venue for the programming languages community. The goal of SNAPL is to complement existing conferences by discussing big-picture questions. After the first two events, held in 2015 and 2017, we hope to continue evolving the venue into a place where our community comes to enjoy talks with inspiring ideas, fresh insights, and lots of discussion. Open to perspectives from both industry and academia, SNAPL values innovation, experience-based insight, and vision. Not affiliated with any other organization, SNAPL is organized by the PL community for the PL community. We planned to hold SNAPL every two years in early May. After two runnings in Asilomar, California, we decided to hold the third SNAPL in Providence, RI, USA, hoping that the East Coast location will make the conference more accessible to attendees from Europe.

SNAPL has drawn on the elements from many successful meeting formats such as the database community's CIDR conference, the security community's NSPW workshop, and others, and continues to evolve its own particular flavor. The focus at SNAPL is not primarily on papers but rather on talks and interaction. Nevertheless, a short paper is the primary medium by which authors request and obtain time to speak. A good SNAPL entry, however, does not have the character of a regular conference submission — we already have plenty of venues for those. Rather, it is closer to the character of an invited talk, encompassing all the diversity that designation suggests: visionary ideas, progress reports, retrospectives, analyses of mistakes, calls to action, and more. Thus, a SNAPL submission should be viewed more as a “request to give an invited talk.”

Overall, the submissions suggest SNAPL remains an interesting and valuable venue. We have received 21 submissions and decided to accept twelve. The program will also include talks by members of the program committee. We look forward to discussions that will hopefully be as lively as in the previous instances of SNAPL.

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