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■ Preface

Programming languages exist to enable programmers to develop software effectively. But programmer efficiency depends on the usability of the languages and tools with which they develop software. The aim of the Workshop on Evaluation and Usability of Programming Languages and Tools (PLATEAU) is to discuss methods, metrics, and techniques for evaluating the usability of languages and language tools. The supposed benefits of such languages and tools cover a large space, including making programs easier to read, write, and maintain; allowing programmers to write more flexible and powerful programs; and restricting programs to make them more safe and secure.

The 9th Workshop on Evaluation and Usability of Programming Languages and Tools (PLATEAU 2018) was held on November 5, 2018 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and collocated with SPLASH 2018. The workshop gathered the intersection of researchers in the programming language, programming tool, and human-computer interaction communities to share their research and discuss the future of evaluation and usability of programming languages and tools.

It is our pleasure to present this year's proceedings. We are happy to report that we received six paper submissions, and that all papers were accepted after a thorough review process with at least two expert reviewers per paper. Together, these papers demonstrate the remarkable scope and applicability of the workshop, with topics that include software development techniques, software evolution, programming by example, and empirical studies in human-computer interaction.

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