Editorial Message

2nd Workshop on Remote control of Devices (WoRD 2008)

The WoRD workshop focused on Online Engineering applied to Distance Learning. It aimed at discussing advances in middleware, user-centric HCI, mobile learning and the evaluation of Remote Laboratory platforms.

The workshop gathered experts and researchers who discussed their respective expertise and exchanged their experiences by using Remote Laboratories in learning sessions, and approaches to solve complex integration issues. Of particular interest were solutions designed to address the challenges of performance and reusability of these platforms for traditional or mobile Remote Laboratories sessions. Thanks to a very agreeable work atmosphere, the participants enjoyed the discussions on concrete implementation examples, and the feedback from students who used such platforms.

The following selected papers, published in this special focus section give an accurate insight into some of these interesting session discussions. All submitted papers have been peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers for technical merit, originality, significance and relevance to i*JOE* topics.

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