

# Formal Methods in the Teaching Lab

EXAMPLES, CASES, ASSIGNMENTS AND PROJECTS ENHANCING FORMAL METHODS  
EDUCATION

A WORKSHOP AT THE FORMAL METHODS 2006 SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2006

MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA



## Program

### Session 1 (Chair: José Oliveira)

**9h00** *Tool Support for Learning Buchi Automata and Linear Temporal Logic*, by Yih-Kuen Tsay, Yu-Fang Chen, and Kang-Nian Wu

**9h30** *Supporting Formal Method Teaching with Real-Life Protocols*, by Hugo Brakman, Vincent Driessen, Joseph Kavuma, Laura Nij Bijvank and Sander Vermolen

**10h00** *A Playful Approach to Formal Models*, by Katharina Spies, Bernhard Schaetz

**10h30** COFFEE BREAK

### Session 2 (Chair: Bernhard Aichernig)

**11h00** *Two courses on VDM++ for Embedded Systems: Learning by Doing*, by Peter Gorm Larsen

**11h15** *Comments on several years of teaching of modelling programming language concepts*, by J W Coleman, N P Jefferson, and C B Jones

**11h30** *A Graduate Seminar in Tools and Techniques*, by Patrick J. Graydon, Elisabeth A. Strunk, M. Anthony Aiello, and John C. Knight

**11h45** *Teaching the Mathematics of Software Design*, by Emil Sekerinski

**12h00** *Basic Science for Software Developers*, by David Lorge Parnas and Michael Soltys

**12h15** *Introducing Model Checking to Undergraduates*, by Abhik Roychoudhury

**12h30** LUNCH BREAK

### Session 3 (Chair: Eric Hehner)

**14h00** *Evaluating a Formal Methods Technique via Student Assessed Exercises*, by Alastair F. Donaldson and Alice Miller

**14h15** *Enhancing student understanding of formal method through prototyping*, by Andreea Barbu and Fabrice Mourlin

**14h30** *From Run-time Analysis to Static Analysis of Java Programs: A Teaching Approach*, by Christelle Scharff and Sokharith Sok

**14h45** *The Use of an Electronic Voting System in a FM Course*, by Alice Miller and Quintin Cutts

**15h00** *Teaching with the Computerised Package Language, Proof, and Logic (LPL)*, by Roussanka Loukanova

**15h15** COFFEE BREAK

### Session 4 (Chair: Kees Pronk)

**15h45** DISCUSSION FORUM

**17h00** END OF WORKSHOP