



The Steering Committee of the Business Process Management (BPM) Conference Series is proud to hand out the **BPM Test of Time Award 2017** to:

Shazia Sadiq,
Guido Governatori, and
Kioumars Namiri

for their paper

Modeling Control Objectives for Business Process Compliance

presented at BPM 2007 in Brisbane (http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-540-75183-0_12).

The BPM Test of Time Award is given every two years. In 2017 the award was given to the most influential paper presented at BPM 2007 in Brisbane and BPM 2008 in Milan. The decision was made by the Steering Committee of the BPM conference series and was based on impact of the paper on the BPM field (both from a scientific and practical viewpoint), number of citations (Google Scholar and Scopus), technical quality, and presentation.

The "Modeling Control Objectives for Business Process Compliance" paper presented at BPM 2007 was one of the first to address the traditional disconnect between process modeling and compliance management. Understanding of the interplay between (often conflicting) business and control objectives during business process design is of key importance. Therefore, the authors presented a research agenda in the space of business process compliance, followed by an approach to support the effective modeling of control objectives and their propagation onto business process models. FCL (Formal Contract Language), a specialized modal logic based on normative systems theory, was employed to specify control objectives. The new concept of control tags based on FCL was used to annotate process models, thus supporting design and analysis.

The BPM 2007 paper is one of the most cited BPM papers of its period. Clearly, the importance of conformance and compliance in BPM has increased and several research groups all over the globe followed up on this work. Clearly, the paper helped to raise more awareness for the compliance challenges in BPM.

The Steering Committee congratulates Shazia Sadiq, Guido Governatori, and Kioumars Namiri with their excellent work. The paper has and will serve as a source of inspiration for BPM researchers and practitioners interested in process-centric compliance management. Therefore, it definitely deserves the BPM Test of Time Award 2017.

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