The Fifth International Conferences on Pervasive Patterns and Applications (PATTERNS 2013), held between May 27 and June 1, 2013 in Valencia, Spain, targeted the application of advanced patterns, at-large. In addition to support for patterns and pattern processing, special categories of patterns covering ubiquity, software, security, communications, discovery and decision were considered, as well as domain-oriented patterns. It is believed that patterns play an important role on cognition, automation, and service computation and orchestration areas. Antipatterns come as a normal output as needed lessons learned.

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We hope that PATTERNS 2013 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and for the promotion of progress in the field of pervasive patterns and applications.

We are convinced that the participants found the event useful and communications very open. We hope that Valencia, Spain provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to explore this historic city.

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