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The Eight International Conference on Product-Focused Software Process Improvement (PROFES 2007) brought together researchers and industrial practitioners to report new research results and exchange experiences and findings in the area of process and product improvement. The focus of the conference is on understanding, learning, evaluating, and improving the relationships between process improvement activities (such as the deployment of innovative defect detection processes) and their effects in products (such as improved product reliability and safety). Consequently, major topics of the conference include the evaluation of existing software process improvement (SPI) approaches in different contexts, the presentation of new or modified SPI approaches, and the relation between SPI and new development techniques or emerging application domains. This year's conference theme focused on global software development. More and more products are being developed in distributed, global development environments with many customer-supplier relations in the value chain. Outsourcing, off-shoring, near-shoring, and even in-sourcing aggravate this trend further. Supporting such distributed development requires well-understood and accurately implemented development process interfaces, process synchronization, and an efficient process evolution mechanisms. Overcoming cultural barriers and implementing efficient communication channels are some of the key challenges. It is clear that process improvement approaches also need to consider these new development contexts.

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