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Sommario/riassunto

ER2003, the 22nd International Conference on Conceptual Modeling in Chicago, Illinois, hosted four workshops on emerging and maturing aspects of conceptual modeling. While the entity-relationship approach is used to address data (base) modeling, the increasingly connected information infrastructure demands solutions that can handle complexity and can develop models about systems that are maintainable. We received seven excellent proposals for workshops to be held at ER 2003, out of which we selected the following four based on peer reviews: - Conceptual Modeling Approaches for E-Business (eCOMO 2003) brought together researchers and practitioners interested in conceptual modeling techniques for e-business. - The International Workshop on Conceptual Modeling Quality (IWCMQ 2003) concentrated on approaches to quality assurance in the modeling process. - The International Bi-Conference Workshop on Agent-Oriented Information Systems (AOIS 2003) was devoted to investigating the agent paradigm for information systems development. - Finally, the International Workshop on XML Schema and Data Management (XSDM 2003) addressed the impact of XML on topics like data integration, change management, and the Semantic Web. All four workshops highlighted relatively new viewpoints on conceptual modeling. Conceptual modeling as such has been greatly influenced and shaped by the entity-relationship model of Peter Chen. However, new

developments like object-orientation and the World-Wide Web require adaptations and new techniques. No longer can developers assume that they can completely understand or model the information system. The new developments create challenges in various directions; some of these were discussed in detail in the four ER 2003 workshops: E-Business and E-Commerce. The rise of the Internet has created new opportunities for defining and enacting business relations between partners. The question is how information systems can help in finding business partners, creating new services, and enacting those new services.
