

## Guest Editorial

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Dear Readers,

The ECOOP 2003 workshop on *Formal Techniques for Java-like Programs (FTfJP)* was the fifth in the series of workshops held at ECOOP. Like its predecessors, this workshop attracted a high number of quality submissions. A program committee selected 17 papers in the areas of

- Language Semantics
- Specification and Verification
- Refinement and Static Analysis
- Language Implementation and Runtime Checking

The authors of the best workshop papers were invited to submit a full article to this JOT special issue. The accepted papers advance the state of the art in specification, verification, and compilation of both sequential and concurrent object-oriented programs.

We are grateful to the authors for submitting these contributions, to the FTfJP 2003 program committee for reviewing and selecting the submissions, and to our co-organizers of the FTfJP workshop series. The next FTfJP workshop will be held in conjunction with ECOOP 2004 in Oslo on June 15, 2004.

Kind regards,

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