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Executive Summary

This report describes the efforts performed in the first to third reporting period of the ASCENS project to achieve the dissemination, collaboration and exploitation objectives of month 1-36. This is therefore a cumulative report. The objectives are defined in the Annex I "Description of Work" of the project contract while the dissemination and exploitation strategy is described in deliverable D9.1.a.

The report includes a section describing the project identity and three sections dedicated each to one of the main topics: dissemination, collaboration and exploitation. The second section describes the activities completed to disseminate the knowledge of the project, the third section gives an overview on collaboration platforms and activities, and the fourth section addresses exploitable knowledge that is produced within the scope of the ASCENS project. Finally, a table of measurable results is presented as summary.

During the first three years of the project ASCENS members produced 192 publications. The list of accepted and submitted publications includes 32 articles for journals, 148 conference and workshop papers, 5 book contributions, 6 technical reports and 1 short overview article published in the Awareness Magazine. The number of joint publications in which two or more partners or an associated researcher and a partner were involved adds up to 71 (37%). In addition, 104 presentations not directly related to a publication were held during these reporting periods. Project members organized 47 conferences and workshops, participated in the organization of 6 summer schools, and taught ASCENS related topics in 39 courses. The collaboration activities with other projects comprise the participation in the AWARENESS coordination action (CA) meetings, the contact to and joint work with associated researchers, bilateral meetings with other projects and teaching at the AWARENESS Virtual Lecture Series (AVLS) and at the AWASS Summer Schools 2012 and 2013.

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1 Project Identity

ASCENS presented its project identity (PI) at the kick-off meeting in Munich, Germany, on October 10-11, 2010. Since then it is used in the website, presentations and reports, i.e. whenever projects results are presented. We believe that a strong PI helps to reinforce the image of the project and supports the dissemination activities. The PI is implemented by

- a set of colors,
- a logo (see Figure 1),
- templates for presentations (LaTeX beamer and PowerPoint format), and
- templates for deliverables, progress reports and technical reports (LaTeX and Word format).



Figure 1: ASCENS logo

In particular, the templates for deliverables and reports were made more general during the second year of the project. In the third year, quality of logos were improved, mainly for their use in the flyer and posters designed for the exhibition ICT 2013 in Vilnius.

2 Dissemination of Project Results

To attain the goal to promote and publish the results of the ASCENS project to a wide scientific and industrial audience, in the first three years the research results were disseminated through scientific publications, invited speakers' presentations, tutorials and lectures. Another dissemination activity consisted in the organization of events such as conferences, workshops and symposia on topics related to the ASCENS research area. The general public is informed about the project through the website and a blog. The consortium also started with the preparations for the exhibition at the ICT 2013 in the third year. In the following sections the different dissemination activities and results are presented in detail.

2.1 ASCENS Website

The ASCENS website (<http://www.ascens-ist.eu>) was set-up by LMU before the start of the project by October 1st, 2010 and was continuously updated since then. The website contains general information as well as all non-confidential results, i.e. papers, presentations, course material, software, etc. It allows easy access to this information for researchers, interested companies, and institutions. It includes objectives of the project, a page for each partner of the project describing the role of the partner and the researchers involved in the project, some results achieved so far, the list of publications and deliverables. The list of associated researchers is also published on the project website.

The ASCENS website (shown in Figure 2) is built using a content management application (open source Joomla of Apache) and imports the publications from the Publication Management Interface application (PMI) developed by LMU. For more details on the PMI see Section 2.3.

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Project goal

Self-aware, self-adaptive and self-expressive autonomic components, running within environments which are called "ensembles", have been proposed to handle open-ended, highly parallel, massively distributed systems that can span millions of nodes with complex interactions and behaviours. However, these complex systems are currently difficult to develop, deploy, and manage.

ASCENS Topics

Service-component ensemble language

Service-Component Ensemble Language (SCEL), developed as a multi-layer language for self-aware, autonomic service components (SCs) and service-component ensembles (SCEs) that integrates behavioural description with knowledge representation and reasoning about the environment.

Formal methods

Theoretical foundations and models for reliable and predictable system behaviour while exploiting the possibilities of highly dynamic, autonomic components.

Adaptation and self-expression

Adaptive systems for the integration of top-down and bottom-up approaches to adaptation and self-expression.

Swarm robotics

Generation of robot swarm with both autonomous and collective behavior.

Blog

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Project information

Information Society Technologies (IST) project funded by the EU as Integrated Project (IP) in the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) as part of the Future Emerging Technologies Proactive Initiative (FET Proactive).

Partners: 14
Countries: 6 EU member states and 1 associated state
Coordinator: Martin Wirsing, LMU Munich

Start: October 1st, 2010
End: September 30th, 2014

Cloud computing

New science clouds with resource-aware cloud computing.

Energy saving e-Mobility

e-Vehicles, which are goal oriented and fully aware of its own, its neighbours' and its environment's resources.

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Figure 2: ASCENS website

We use an ASCENS blog (<http://blog.ascens-ist.eu/>) to communicate the goals and the progress of the ASCENS project to the public in a way that can be understood by people who are interested in engineering ensembles, but not experts in this field (see Figure 3). Therefore, we address the non-technical public describing easy understandable scenarios to illustrate how methods, techniques and languages developed within the scope of ASCENS will be applied in the development of autonomic service-component ensembles. Over the course of the first three years of the project we have published 21 blog articles. covering not only questions related to the main topics of our project, but also first results.

The screenshot shows a WordPress blog post on the ASCENS website. The page title is "Reasoning about reasoning agents" by user "belzner", dated July 13, 2013. The post content discusses "Ensembles" and includes a sub-section titled "Auto-scooter, or 'how to avoid bumpings'". This section describes a grid world with agents and includes a diagram of a grid with a central agent (black circle with '5') and surrounding agents (blue circles with numbers). The diagram shows a 10x10 grid with a central agent at (5,5) and a perception range of 5 units. Other agents are at (1,5), (2,5), (3,5), (4,5), (5,4), (5,6), (6,5), (7,5), (8,5), (9,5), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,6), (1,7), (1,8), (1,9), (1,10), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,6), (2,7), (2,8), (2,9), (2,10), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,6), (3,7), (3,8), (3,9), (3,10), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,6), (4,7), (4,8), (4,9), (4,10), (5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4), (5,6), (5,7), (5,8), (5,9), (5,10), (6,1), (6,2), (6,3), (6,4), (6,6), (6,7), (6,8), (6,9), (6,10), (7,1), (7,2), (7,3), (7,4), (7,6), (7,7), (7,8), (7,9), (7,10), (8,1), (8,2), (8,3), (8,4), (8,6), (8,7), (8,8), (8,9), (8,10), (9,1), (9,2), (9,3), (9,4), (9,6), (9,7), (9,8), (9,9), (9,10), (10,1), (10,2), (10,3), (10,4), (10,6), (10,7), (10,8), (10,9), (10,10). The central agent is at (5,5) with a value of 5. The agent at (1,5) has a value of 8. The agent at (2,5) has a value of 8. The agent at (3,5) has a value of 8. The agent at (4,5) has a value of 8. The agent at (5,4) has a value of 7. 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The figure depicts the scenario from a bird-eye perspective. The informed agent is the black circle surrounded by a wider semi-transparent circle representing its perception range. Blue circles represent randomly moving agents. Robots are labelled with their current number of collisions.

Figure 3: ASCENS blog

Regarding cross references, on the one hand the ASCENS website provides links to many related projects grouped in categories, such as self-awareness, global computing, and swarm robotics. On the other hand, several websites of organizations, universities, institutes and other projects as well as the homepages of many partner members include links to the ASCENS website, for example:

- Homepages of universities, organisations and companies
 - European Commission, ICT Research in FP7, FET Proactive
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fet-proactive/aware_en.html
 - Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), Institute for Informatics, Programming and Software Engineering Unit
<http://www.pst.ifi.lmu.de/Research/current-projects>
 - Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), Institute for Informatics, Communication Systems and System Programming Unit
<http://www.nm.ifi.lmu.de/projects/ASCENS/>
 - Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), European Projects
http://www.uni-muenchen.de/forschung/service/forschungsfoerderung/eu_programme/7frp/koord_7frp/index.html
 - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologie dell'Informazione "A. Faedo (ISTI), Formal Methods and Tools Laboratory
<http://www.isti.cnr.it/research/unit.php?unit=FMT§ion=projects>
 - IMT Institute for advanced studies Lucca, System Modelling and Analysis research unit
<https://sysma.lab.imtlucca.it/>
 - IRIDIA-CoDE laboratory, Université Libre de Bruxelles
<http://code.ulb.ac.be/iridia.home.php>
 - Lero – the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, University of Limerick, ASCENS Project Web Page
<http://www.lero.ie/project/ascens>
 - Università di Firenze, Dipartimento di Sistemi e Informatica, Concurrency and Mobility Group
<http://gdn.dsi.unifi.it/cmgi/index.php/projects/>
 - Fraunhofer FOKUS
http://www.fokus.fraunhofer.de/en/quest/projekte/laufende_projekte/ascens
 - Mobysa Association
<https://sites.google.com/site/mobysa/activites?pli=1>
 - Verimag website
<http://www-verimag.imag.fr/ASCENS.html>
 - EPFL MOBOTS, self-assembling robots page
<http://mobots.epfl.ch/self-assembling-robots.html>
 - Department of Distributed and Dependable Systems, Charles University in Prague, project page
<http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/projects/>

- Zimory
<http://www.zimory.com/partners/ascens-european-commission/>
- Homepages of other projects
 - AWARENESS Coordination Action
<http://www.aware-project.eu/>
 - SAPERE project
<http://www.sapere-project.eu>
 - CoCoRo Collective Cognitive Robots Project
<http://cocoro.uni-graz.at/>
 - ARGoS robot simulator website
http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/argos/argos_in_use.php
 - quanticol project
<http://blog.inf.ed.ac.uk/quanticol/links/>
- Homepages of ASCENS members
 - Homepages of Martin Wirsing, Mirco Tribastone, Nora Koch, Annabelle Klarl, Philip Mayer, Lenz Belzner (LMU)
<http://www.pst.ifi.lmu.de/people/staff/>
 - Homepages of Diego Latella and Mieke Massink (ISTI)
<http://www.isti.cnr.it/about/people.php>
 - Homepages of IMT members
https://sysma.lab.imtlucca.it/?page_id=4
 - Homepages of Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini, Gianluigi Ferrari, Fabio Gadducci, Ugo Montanari, Matteo Sammartino (UNIFI)
<http://compass2.di.unipi.it/amministrazione/persona/index.asp>
 - Homepages of Marco Dorigo, Mauro Birattari, Carlo Pinciroli (ULB)
<http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/~mdorigo/HomePageDorigo/projects.php>
<http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/~mbiro/projects.html>
<http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/~cpinciroli/projects.php>
 - Homepage of Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)
<http://www.agentgroup.unimo.it/Zambonelli>
 - Homepage of Emil Vassev (Lero at UL)
<http://www.vassev.com/>
 - Homepages of Michele Boreale, Michele Loreti, Rosario Pugliese (UDF)
<http://www.dsi.unifi.it/~boreale/>
<http://www.dsi.unifi.it/~loreti/>
<http://www.dsi.unifi.it/~pugliese/>
 - Homepage of Jacques Combaz (Verimag)
<http://www-verimag.imag.fr/~jcombaz/>
 - Homepages of Jan Kofron, Petr Hnetynka (CUNI)
<http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/~kofron/>
<http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/~hnetynka/index.cgi/index/research>

2.2 Press Releases

A press release was posted at the website of the project coordinator (LMU) in order to provide general information on the start of the project to a wide audience. In addition, announcements were also done by two Italian local newspapers and the Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia. These press releases and the corresponding links are listed below.

- LMU site (October 11, 2010)
<http://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/news/newsarchiv/2010/2010-ascens-wirsing.html>
- UNIMORE site (November 15, 2010)
http://www.magazine.unimore.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=526_finanze_europee_per_la_ricerca_unimore&catid=91:ricerca&Itemid=346
- Modena 2000 newspaper (November 21, 2010)
<http://www.ascens-ist.eu/images/ascens/modena2000.pdf>
- Giornale di Reggio Emilia newspaper (November 22, 2010)
<http://www.ascens-ist.eu/images/ascens/modena2000.pdf>

An overview article on the ASCENS project was written during the first reporting year and published by the AWARENESS magazine in 2012 (see list of publications in Sec. 2.3).

2.3 ASCENS Publications

During the first three reporting periods of the ASCENS project 192 publications were produced, of which 50 were published in the first reporting period and 80 in the second period. The list of publications includes articles for journals (32), conference and workshop papers (148), book contributions (5), technical reports (6) and 1 overview article. All publications with exception of the two last categories were peer reviewed and were submitted to the best scientific journals like *Theoretical Computer Science*, *Journal of Grid Computing*, and *ACM Transactions on Autonomous and Adaptive Systems*, major international conferences, ranging from the more foundation-oriented like FACS, FASE, FORTE and NASA Formal Methods, to those that address more methodological and application-oriented aspects of software engineering, such as DEXA and IROS. All of the publications listed below have been already published or accepted for publication.

In this three reporting periods 71 joint publications were published, i.e. a 37% of the total. Joint publications are those in which at least two partners (59) or at least a partner and an associated researcher (12) were involved. In the following we include both lists, of joint and non-joint publications. Almost all partners participated in joint publications. In the last part of the section we give some details on the Publication Management System used in the ASCENS project.

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2.3.1 Joint Publications

- [ABN11] Lucia Acciai, Michele Boreale, and Rocco De Nicola. Linear-Time and May-Testing in a Probabilistic Reactive Setting. In Roberto Bruni and Juergen Dingel, editors, *Formal Techniques for Distributed Systems*, volume 6722 of *LNCS*, pages 29–43. Springer Berlin / Heidelberg, June 2011.

- [AHZ13] Dhaminda Abeywickrama, Nicklas Hoch, and Franco Zambonelli. SimSOTA: Engineering and Simulating Feedback Loops for Self-adaptive Systems. In *Sixth International C* Conference on Computer Science & Software Engineering*, pages 67–76, Porto (P), July 2013. ACM, ACM.
- [AZH12] Dhaminda Abeywickrama, Franco Zambonelli, and Nicklas Hoch. Towards Simulating Architectural Patterns for Self-Aware and Self-Adaptive Systems. In *2nd SASO Workshop on Awareness in Autonomic Systems*, Lyon (F), September 2012. IEEE CS Press.
- [BBGM10] Paolo Baldan, Filippo Bonchi, Fabio Gadducci, and Giacomina Valentina Monreale. Concurrency Can't Be Observed, Asynchronously. In Kazunori Ueda, editor, *Programming Languages and Systems - 8th Asian Symposium, APLAS 2010, Shanghai, China, November 28 - December 1, 2010. Proceedings*, volume 6461 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 424–438. Springer, 2010.
- [BC13] Michele Boreale and Alessandro Celestini. Asymptotic Risk Analysis for Trust and Reputation Systems. In Peter van Emde Boas et al., editor, *SOFSEM 2013, Theory and Practice of Computer Science*, volume 7741 of *LNCS*, pages 169–181. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2013.
- [BCDCM11] Maria Grazia Buscemi, Mario Coppo, Mariangiola Dezani-Ciancaglini, and Ugo Montanari. Constraints for Service Contracts. In Roberto Bruni and Vladimiro Sassone, editors, *TGC 2011*, volume 7173 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 104–120. Springer, 2011.
- [BCG⁺12a] Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini, Fabio Gadducci, Alberto Lluch Lafuente, and Andrea Vandin. Modelling and Analyzing Adaptive Self-assembly Strategies with Maude. In *Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Rewriting Logic and its Applications (WRLA 2012)*, volume 7571 of *LNCS*, pages 18–138. Springer, 2012.
- [BCG⁺12b] Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini, Fabio Gadducci, Alberto Lluch-Lafuente, and Andrea Vandin. A Conceptual Framework for Adaptation. In Juan de Lara and Andrea Zisman, editors, *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Fundamental Approaches to Software Engineering, FASE 2012*, volume 7212 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 240–254. Springer, 2012.
- [BCG⁺13] Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini, Fabio Gadducci, Alberto Lluch-Lafuente, and Andrea Vandin. Adaptable Transition Systems. In Narciso Martí-Oliet and Miguel Palomino, editors, *Recent Trends in Algebraic Development Techniques, 21st International Workshop, WADT 2012*, volume 7841 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 95–110. Springer, 2013.
- [BDFZ09] Massimo Bartoletti, Pierpaolo Degano, Gian Luigi Ferrari, and Roberto Zunino. Model Checking Usage Policies. *Mathematical Structures in Computer Science*, To appear, 2009.
- [BFK12] Roberto Bruni, Carla Ferreira, and Anne Kersten Kauer. First-Order Dynamic Logic for Compensable Processes. In *COORDINATION 2012*, volume 7274 of *LNCS*, pages 104–121. Springer, 2012.

- [BGL⁺11] Saddek Bensalem, Andreas Griesmayer, Axel Legay, Thanh-Hung Nguyen, Joseph Sifakis, and Rongjie Yan. D-Finder 2: Towards Efficient Correctness of Incremental Design. In Mihaela Gheorghiu Bobaru, Klaus Havelund, Gerard J. Holzmann, and Rajeev Joshi, editors, *NASA Formal Methods - Third International Symposium, NFM 2011, Pasadena, CA, USA, April 18-20, 2011. Proceedings*, volume 6617 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 453–458. Springer, 2011.
- [BGM11] Filippo Bonchi, Fabio Gadducci, and Giacomina Valentina Monreale. Towards a General Theory of Barbs, Contexts and Labels. In Hongseok Yang, editor, *Proceedings of the 9th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS 2011)*, volume 7078 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 289–304. Springer, 2011.
- [BK12] Roberto Bruni and Anne Kersten Kauer. LTS Semantics for Compensation-based Processes. In *TGC 2012*, volume 8191 of *LNCS*, pages 112–128. Springer, 2012.
- [BKK11] Marianne Busch, Alexander Knapp, and Nora Koch. Modeling Secure Navigation in Web Information Systems. In Janis Grabis and Marite Kirikova, editors, *10th International Conference on Business Perspectives in Informatics Research, LNBIP*, pages 239–253. Springer Verlag, 2011.
- [BKM⁺12] Marianne Busch, Nora Koch, Massimiliano Masi, Rosario Pugliese, and Francesco Tiezzi. Towards Model-Driven Development of Access Control Policies for Web Applications. In *Workshops MoDELS 2012*, page 6. ACM, September 2012. to appear.
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- [BLLM13] Roberto Bruni, Alberto Lluch-Lafuente, and Ugo Montanari. Constraint Design Rewriting. *Science of Computer Programming*, 2013. To appear.
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2.3.3 Publications Management System

Publications are managed in ASCENS by a password protected web application called PMI (Publications Management Interface), which is available under <http://pmi.ascens-ist.eu/>. The PMI has been developed by the LMU for a user friendly management of publications providing a user interface for input and search of publications as shown in Figure 4. It supports CRUD operations, simple and advanced search facilities, provides a set of Rich Internet Application (RIA) features, such as validation on the fly, and the generation of publication lists ordered by year, by author, and by type. The PMI is implemented in Ruby on Rails.

2.4 Presentations

The project members have presented ASCENS results at many events held in the period from 01.10.2010 to 30.9.2013. The following list includes 104 presentations that comprise tutorials, invited and keynote talks held during months 1 – 36 of the project. The table does not include – in order to avoid repetitions – presentations performed at conferences and workshops directly related to accepted papers listed in the previous section.

The screenshot displays the ASCENS Publication Management Interface. On the left, there is a login section with fields for 'User name' and 'Password same as svn', and a 'login' button. The main interface features a navigation bar with 'simple search' (highlighted), 'advanced search', and 'count publications'. Below this is a search form with 'search keys' including 'global search' (containing 'Wirsing'), 'title', 'person (surname)', and 'year'. A 'sorting' section offers a 'year' dropdown and radio buttons for 'desc' (selected) and 'asc'. 'search' and 'reset' buttons are also present. A blue bar indicates the current year is '2013'. The publication list includes:

- Tomás Bures, Rocco De Nicola, Ilias Gerostathopoulos, Nicklas Hoch, Michal Kit, Nora Koch, Giacomina Valentina Monreale, Ugo Montanari, Rosario Pugliese, Nikola Serbedzija, Martin Wirsing, and Franco Zambonelli. A Life Cycle for the Development of Autonomic Systems: The e-Mobility Showcase. In *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Challenges for Achieving Self-Awareness in Autonomic Systems*, Philadelphia, USA, September 2013. [pdf](#) [bibtex](#)
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Figure 4: Publication Management Interface

No.	Type of activities	Presenter	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience	Size	Countries
1	Invited Talk	Joseph Sifakis (Verimag)	Component-based Construction of Heterogeneous Real-time Systems in BIP	22.11.2010	ETH, Zurich, Switzerland	University	-	Italy
2	Seminar	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	Research Trends in Autonomic Computing and Communication	16.12.2010	Faculty of Engineering Enzo Ferrari, Modena, Italy	Master and PhD. students, Faculty	30	Italy
3	Invited Talk	Rocco De Nicola (IMT)	A Uniform Framework for Modeling Processes Behaviors and their Performances	04.02.2011	ICE'11 & PACO'11 at Reykjavik, Iceland	Workshop	40	all
4	Tutorial	Diego Latella (CNR-ISTI)	A Uniform Framework for the Definition of (Stochastic) Process Languages (Part I).	04.02.2011	MT-Lab Seminars, Lyngby, Copenhagen, Denmark	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
5	Talk	Nora Koch (LMU)	Integration of Methodologies and Tools	09.02.2011	NESSoS Plenary Meeting, Madrid, Spain	NESSoS partners	40	all
6	Tutorial	Diego Latella (CNR-ISTI)	A Uniform Framework for the Definition of (Stochastic) Process Languages (Part II).	11.02.2011	MT-Lab Seminars, Lyngby, Copenhagen, Denmark	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
7	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Logica e Modelli di Calcolo: Due Facce della Stessa Medaglia (in Italian)	17.02.2011	Info-Incontri Informatica, Dalla Logica Computazionale all'Intelligenza Artificiale, Fano, Italy	Series of Seminars	80	all
8	Invited Talk	Mieke Massink (CNR-ISTI)	A Process Algebraic Fluid Flow Model of Emergency Egress.	18.02.2011	MT-Lab Seminars, Lyngby, Copenhagen, Denmark	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
9	Tutorial	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Large Simulations: The GLOWA-Danube Approach to Integrative Environmental Simulations	22.02.2011	Utrecht, the Netherlands	Master Students	35	Netherlands

No.	Type of activities	Presenter	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience	Size	Countries
10	Invited Talk	Mieke Massink (CNR-ISTI)	Modelling Crowd Dynamics in Bio-PEPA.	25.02.2011	MT-Lab Seminars, Lyngby, Copenhagen, Denmark	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
11	Invited Talk	Mieke Massink (CNR-ISTI)	A formal fluid-flow approach to agent based models	11.03.2011	Model Based & Formal Verification Techniques, Pisa, Italy	Faculty and PhD. students	40	Italy
12	Keynote Talk	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Interface Coherence of Reactive Software Components: Solutions and Challenges	02.04.2011	FESCA'11, Saarbruecken, Germany	Workshop	30	all
13	Invited Talk	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	This Pervasive Day Exhibition	19.04.2011	Science Festival, Edinburgh	Exhibition	40	Edinburgh, UK
14	Invited Talk	Lucia Acciai (UDF)	Spatial and Behavioural types: safety, liveness and decidability	20.04.2011	Faculdade de Ciencias e Tecnologia, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal	Workshop	40	all
15	Seminar	Emil Vashev (UL)	Knowledge Representation for Autonomous Systems – The ASCENS Case Study.	02.05.2011	Organic Computing – Design of Self-Organizing Systems (Dagstuhl Seminar 11181), Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany	Workshop	40	all
16	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Ensembles Autonomici	05.05.2011	Aula Magna Facoltà di Scienze, Pisa, Italy	Internet Festival	40	all
17	Invited Talk	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	Heaven and Hell: Visions for Pervasive Adaptation	05.05.2011	FET'11, Budapest, Hungary	Special session	30	Hungary
18	Talk	Michele Boreale (DSIUF)	Quantitative Information Leakage, With a View	24.05.2011	Quantitative Modelling and Formal Analysis, Lucca, Italy	Workshop	20	all
19	Invited Talk	Michele Loreti (DSIUF)	A Uniform Framework for Process Models and Behavioral Equivalences of Nondeterministic, Probabilistic, or Stochastic Nature	24.05.2011	Quantitative Modelling and Formal Analysis, Lucca, Italy	Workshop	20	all

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20	Invited Talk	Mieke Massink (CNR-ISTI)	Modelling Non-linear Crowd Dynamics in Bio-PEPA	24.05.2011	Quantitative Modelling and Formal Analysis, Lucca, Italy	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
21	Invited Talk	Michele Boreale (UDF)	A survey on Quantitative Information Flow.	24.05.2011	Quantitative Modelling and Formal Analysis, Lucca, Italy	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
22	Invited Talk	Stephan Reiter (LMU)	The ASCENS Science Cloud	25.05.2011	Working Group: Grid, Leibniz Supercomputing Centre, Munich, Germany	Staff and PhD. students	10	all
23	Invited Talk	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	Reflective Computing	30.05.2011	Véhicules et transports intelligents et communicants, Telecom ParisTech, Paris, France	Workshop	80	France
24	Seminar	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	The SAPERE and the ASCENS Projects	31.05.2011	Faculty of Engineering Reggio Emilia, Reggio Emilia, Italy	Master and PhD. students	20	Italy
25	Invited Talk	Joseph Sifakis (Verimag)	Embedded Systems Design – Challenges and Work Directions	May 2011	IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy	University	–	Italy
26	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Un' Algebra di Connettori Per le Reti di Petri (in Italian)	22.06.2011	Università di Milano, Milano, Italy	Giornata in Onore di Gianni Degli Antoni	100	all
27	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Connector Algebras And Petri Nets	30.06.2011	Siberian Academy of Sciences, Akademgorodok, Novosibirsk, Russia	PSF 11, Ershov Informatics Conference	80	all
28	Workshop	Annabelle Klarl (LMU)	Hands-on Robots: Simulation with ARGoS	10.07.2011	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	15	Germany
29	Workshop	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Towards a System Model for Ensembles	12.07.2011	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	15	Germany
30	Invited talk	Michele Boreale (UDF)	Quantitative Information Flow, with a View	20.07.2011	Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland	Faculty and PhD. students	15	Europe
31	Invited Talk	Bernd Werther (VW)	E-Mobility as a Challenge for New ICT Solutions in the Car Industry	09.09.2011	Trustworthy Global Computing, Aachen, Germany	Symposium	50	all

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32	Invited Talk	Henry Bensler (VW)	Volkswagen und Elektromobilität	09.09.2011	Elektromobilität von morgen, Aachen, Germany	Symposium	60	Germany
33	Invited Talk	Matthias Hözl (LMU)	Adaptation and Awareness in Ensembles	09.09.2011	Trustworthy Global Computing, Aachen, Germany	Symposium	50	all
34	Colloquium	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Adaptation and Awareness in Ensembles	12.09.2011	IMDEA Software, Madrid, Spain	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Spain
35	Invited Talk	Michele Loreti (DSIUF)	Uniform Labeled Transition Systems for Nondeterministic, Probabilistic, and Stochastic Process Calculi	19.09.2011	PASTA'11, Ragusa, Italy	Workshop	20	all
36	Invited Talk	Mieke Massink (CNR-ISTI)	Fluid Analysis of Foraging Ants	19.09.2011	PASTA'11, Ragusa, Italy	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
37	Invited Talk	Matthias Hözl (LMU)	Research Challenges for Ensembles	21.09.2011	AWARENESS Steering Committee, Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Symposium	20	all
38	Invited Talk	Roberto Bruni (UNIP)	Distributed Compensations with Interruptions in Long-Running Transactions	21.09.2011	Department of Computer Science, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
39	Invited Talk	Alberto Luch Lafuente (IMT)	A Conceptual Framework for Behavioural Adaptation	22.09.2011	Department of Computer Science, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
40	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIP)	Component-Based Network Models	23.09.2011	IFIP WG 2.2, LIAFA, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France	Seminar	20	all
41	Talk	Carlo Pinciroli (ULB)	The ARGoS simulator	30.09.2011	IROS2011, San Francisco, USA	IROS2011	-	USA
42	Keynote talk	Joseph Sifakis (Verimag)	Rigorous System Design	03.10.2011	VLSI-Soc Conference, Hong Kong, China	Conference	-	all
43	Invited Talk	Matthias Hözl (LMU)	Adaptation and Awareness in Ensembles	04.10.2011	Formal Methods for Components and Objects, Turin, Italy	Conference	30	all

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44	Invited Talk	Rosario Pugliese (UDF)	SCEL: Service Component Ensemble Language	04.10.2011	Formal Methods for Components and Objects, Turin, Italy	Conference	30	all
45	Tutorial	Joseph Sifakis (Verimag)	Rigorous System Design in BIP	09.10.2011	Tutorial on Time-Predictable and Composable Architectures for Dependable Embedded Systems in Esweek, Taipei, Taiwan	Conference	-	all
46	Tutorial	Rosario Pugliese (UDF)	SCEL: Service Component Ensemble Language	28.10.2011	Awareness Lecture Series	Awareness Virtual Lecture	-	all
47	Invited Talk	Stephan Reiter (LMU)	The ASCENS Science Cloud	02.11.2011	D3S Seminar, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic	Faculty and PhD. students	20	all
48	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIPi)	La Ricerca al Dipartimento di Informatica	11.11.2011	La CEP prima della CEP: storia dell'Informatica, La Limonaia, Pisa, Italy	Seminar	40	all
49	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIPi)	Models and Languages for Service Component Ensembles	18.11.2011	Departamento de Computación, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Seminar	40	all
50	Invited Talk	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Modal Interface Theories	15.12.2011	Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic	University	20	Czech Republic
51	Invited Talk	Emil Vassev (UL)	Engineering Self-adaptive Systems – Challenges and Approaches	17.01.2012	Seminar at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada	100	-	Canada
52	Workshop Presentation	Gianluca Mezzetti (UNIPi)	Checking Security of Behavioural Variations	03.02.2012	COTICO Workshop, Lucca, Italy	Workshop	40	all
53	Workshop Presentation	Roberto Bruni (UNIPi)	Transactions Being Arranged	03.02.2012	COTICO Workshop, Lucca, Italy	Workshop	40	all
54	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIPi)	Network Conscious pi-calculus	09.02.2012	Workshop on Nominal Sets meet Automata Theory, Warsaw, Poland	Seminar	20	all

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55	Invited Talk	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Challenges and Solutions in Interface-Based Design of Component Systems	25.03.2012	FIT'12, Tallinn, Estonia	Workshop	25	all
56	Invited Talk	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Algebraic Specifications: From Concurrent Systems to Clouds	01.04.2012	Symposium in honour of Egidio Astesiano, Genova, Italy	Symposium	60	all
57	Invited Talk	Franco Zambonelli and Marco Mamei (UNIMORE)	Toward Sociotechnical Urban Superorganisms	15.05.2012	IBM Smart Cities Center, Dublin, Ireland	Seminar	40	all
58	Invited Talk	Mirco Tribastone (LMU)	Performance Modelling of Large-Scale Hierarchical Systems	22.05.2012	GI-Dagstuhl Seminar, Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany	Seminar	30	all
59	Seminar	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	Engineering Awareness	22.05.2012	52. IFIP 2.4 Working Group Meeting, Vadstena, Sweden	Annual meeting	30	all
60	Invited Talk	Mirco Tribastone (LMU)	Performance Modeling of Design Patterns for Distributed Computation	30.05.2012	GI-Dagstuhl Seminar, Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany	Seminar	30	all
61	Invited Talk	Alberto Lluich Lafuente (IMT)	A white-box perspective on Adaptation	04.06.2012	International Summer School on Self-Awareness in Autonomic Computing Systems (AWASS 2012)	Summer School	40	all
62	Invited Talk	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	Reconciling Self-adaptation and Self-organization	05.06.2012	7th International Symposium on Software Engineering for Self-Managing and Adaptive Systems, Zurich Switzerland	Symposium	100	all
63	Invited Talk	Roberto Bruni (UNIFI)	Open Multiparty Interaction	07.06.2012	21st International Workshop on Algebraic Development Techniques, Salamanca, Spain	Workshop	50	all

No.	Type of activities	Presenter	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience	Size	Countries
64	Seminar	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	View-based development of a simulation framework for multi-disciplinary environmental modelling	14.06.2012	Salamanca, Spain	IFIP Working Group	30	all
65	Invited Talk	Rocco de Nicola (IMT)	A Language-based Approach to Autonomic Computing	16.06.2012	8th International Workshop on Automated Specification and Verification of Web Systems, Stockholm, Sweden	Workshop	20	all
66	Talk	Matthias Hölzl and Annabelle Klarl (LMU)	The POEM Language	18.06.2012	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany
67	Talk	Christian Kroiß (LMU)	Adaptive Runtime-Verification In Multi Agent Systems	18.06.2012	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany
68	Talk	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	The ASCENS Approach	19.06.2012	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany
69	Seminar	Diego Latella (ISTI)	Bisimulation of State-to-Function Labeled Transition Systems of Stochastic Process Languages	07.09.2012	PEPA Club Talks, LFCS – University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK	Faculty and Ph.D. students	15	all
70	Seminar	Roberto Bruni (UNIP)	Open Multiparty Interactions in the link-calculus	12.09.2012	IMT Seminar series, Lucca, Italy	Faculty and PhD. students	10	all
71	Talk	Nora Koch (LMU)	Model-Driven Development of Access Control Policies	12.09.2012	NESSoS NoE Meeting, Pisa, Italy	NESSoS partners	15	all
72	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIP)	On hierarchical graphs: reconciling bigraphs, gs-monoidal theories and gs-graphs	20.09.2012	ICTCS 2012, 13th Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science, Varese, Italy	Conference	50	all

No.	Type of activities	Presenter	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience	Size	Countries
73	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Il Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per l'Informatica: Presente e Futuro	21.09.2012	Colloquium Ticinese in Honor of Ivo De Lotto, Pavia, Italy	Colloquium	-	Italy
74	Invited Talk	Gian Luigi Ferrari (UNIFI)	Surveillance: data secrecy and Privacy.	25.09.2012	International Workshop on SURVEILLING and SURVEILLANCE, Florence, Italy	Workshop	-	all
75	Invited Talk	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Softwaretechnik First	29.09.2012	Symposium in honour of Stefan Jähnichen, Berlin, Germany	Symposium	120	all
76	Invited Talk	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Observations and Specifications	09.11.2012	Symposium in honour of Rolf Hennicker, München, Germany	Symposium	70	all
77	Invited Talk	Michele Boreale (DSIUF)	Worst- and average-case privacy breaches in randomization mechanisms	28.11.2012	Dagstuhl Seminar Series, Germany	Seminar	40	all
78	Invited Talk	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	Bio-inspired Solutions for Engineering Large-scale Urban Systems	10.12.2012	BIONETICS Conference, Lugano, CH	Conference	60	all
79	Invited Talk	Giacomo Cabri (UNIMORE)	Approaches to Engineer Interactions between Distributed Components	10.01.2013	7th International Conference on Computer Engineering And Applications, Milano, I	Conference	50	all
80	Seminar	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Component-Interfaces with Contracts on Ports	22.01.2013	Erlangen, Germany	University	20	all
81	Seminar	Michele Boreale (DSIUF)	Quantitative Models of Confidentiality and Privacy	22.01.2013	DiSIA seminar, University of Firenze	Seminar	50	Italy
82	Workshop	Roberto Bruni, Fabio Gadducci (UNIFI)	Kick-off meeting of Italian MIUR Project CINA	04.02.2013	Pisa, Italy	University	60	Italy

No.	Type of activities	Presenter	Title	Date	Place	Type of audience	Size	Countries
83	Presentation	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Constraints for service contracts	04.02.2013	Kick-off meeting of Italian MIUR Project CINA, Pisa, Italy	University	60	Italy
84	Presentation	Andrea Corradini (UNIFI)	Applying Process Analysis to the Italian eGovernment Enterprise Architecture	05.02.2013	Kick-off meeting of Italian MIUR Project CINA, Pisa, Italy	University	60	Italy
85	Talk	Michele Boreale (DSIUF)	Introduction to Quantitative Information Flow (QIF)	05.02.2013	CINA Kickoff Meeting, University of Pisa, Italy	Project meeting	40	Italy
86	Presentation	Roberto Bruni (UNIFI)	From static to dynamic connectors	06.02.2013	Kick-off meeting of Italian MIUR Project CINA, Pisa, Italy	University	60	Italy
87	Seminar	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Component-Interfaces with Contracts on Ports: Meta-Theory and Instantiation	16.03.2013	Rome, Italy	IFIP Working Group	30	all
88	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	Indexing processes with computational resources	17.03.2013	ACCAT* 13 Workshop, Rome, Italy	Researchers	-	all
89	Tutorial	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	Service Components and Ensembles: Building Blocks for Autonomous Systems	24.03.2013	Lisboa, Portugal	ICAS 2013	20	all
90	Panel	Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer)	How Much Autonomous can be the Autonomous Systems? From Dreams to Facts	24.03.2013	Lisboa, Portugal	ICAS 2013	40	all
91	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)	A network-conscious pi-calculus and its coalgebraic semantics	01.06.2013	Glynn Fest Workshop, Cambridge, UK	Researchers	-	all
92	Talk	Fabio Gadducci (UNIFI)	Enriching the flexibility of soft constraints formalisms	10.06.2013	Lix, École Polytechnique	Faculty and PhD. students	25	all
93	Workshop	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	Introduction to the Formal Engineering of Autonomous Systems	18.06.2013	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany, Italy

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94	Workshop	Annabelle Klarl (LMU)	Towards Task-Driven Ensemble Modeling	18.06.2013	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany, Italy
95	Workshop	Lenz Belzner (LMU)	Action Programming in Rewriting Logic	18.06.2013	PST Hut Seminar, Bayrischzell, Germany	Faculty and PhD. students	20	Germany, Italy
96	Summer School	Martin Wirsing (LMU)	ASCENS: Towards Systematically Engineering Ensembles	24.06.2013	Awareness Summer School, Lucca, Italy	PhD. students	40	all
97	Invited Talk	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	Collective Awareness and Action in Urban Superorganisms	03.07.2013	Plateforme Francophone d'Intelligence Artificielle, Lille, F	Conference	160	France
98	Invited Talk	Rolf Hennicker (LMU)	Component-Interfaces with Contracts on Ports: Meta-Theory and Instantiation	09.07.2013	Aveiro, Portugal	Mondrian Workshop	30	Portugal
99	Talk	Fabio Gadducci (UNIPJ)	Bisimulations from graphical encodings	12.07.2013	Institut Galilée, Université Paris 13	Faculty and PhD. students	10	all
100	Seminar	Carlo Pinciroli (ULB)	ARGoS: Large-Scale Physics-Based Simulation of Swarm Robotics Systems	19.08.2013	Argonne National Laboratory, IL, USA	Researchers	40	all
101	Invited Talk	Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)	Engineering Urban Superorganisms	17.09.2013	Conference of the Academia Europaea, Worclaw, Polans	Conference	80	all
102	Invited Talk	Ugo Montanari (UNIPJ)	Software Engineering: new challenges, some solutions	20.09.2013	Knowledge Acceleration and ICT, Pisa, Italy	Computer Science Dept., Informatics Eng. Dept and local companies	100	Italy
103	Invited Talk	Michele Boreale (DSIUF)	An introduction to Quantitative Information Flow (QIF)	24.09.2013	IFIP WG 2.2	IFIP meeting	30	all
104	Invited Talk	Marius Bozga (UJF-Verimag)	Modeling Heterogeneous Real-Time Components in BIP (revisited)	25.09.2013	SEFM 2013, Madrid, Spain	Conference	30	all

2.5 Organization of Events

ASCENS members participated in the organization of 47 conferences and workshops in different roles, such as chairs of the event, Program Committee (PC) or Steering Committee (SC) members.

The list presented below is limited to events in which ASCENS partners participated actively in the roles of PC chairs, SC members or organizers. Events in which ASCENS partners only acted in the role of PC members are not included, as this would lead to an unduly long table with hundreds of entries. In addition to the event name, the type and size of the audience is provided as additional information. All the events addressed participants of all countries.

An increasing number of international conferences welcome the organization of satellite events that focus on aspects that are more specific than the topics of the conference, as a means to maximize interaction between participants and to give visibility to emerging areas with clear impact on science and technology. ASCENS members seized this opportunity by collocating some of the organized workshops with major conferences, such as GT-VMT at ETAPS 2011, ICE at DisCoTec'11, as well as FIT, QAPL and GRAPHite at ETAPS 2012, and MDsec at MoDELS 2012.

2.5.1 Conferences

- Joint 15th IFIP International Conference on Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems and 31th IFIP International Conference on FORMAL TEChniques for Networked and Distributed Systems (FMOODS-FORTE 2013), 3 – 5 June 2013, Florence (Italy), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, all countries, DSIUF, Michele Boreale, PC chair
- Joint 13th IFIP International Conference on Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems and 31th IFIP International Conference on FORMAL TEChniques for Networked and Distributed Systems (FMOODS-FORTE 2011), 6 – 9 June 2011, Reykjavik (Iceland), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni
- 20th European Conference on Artificial Life (ECAL), 8 – 12 August 2011, Paris (France), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 500, all countries, ULB, Marco Dorigo
- 4th Conference on Algebra and Coalgebra in Computer Science (CALCO 2011), 30 August – 02 September 2011, Winchester (UK), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 70, all countries, UNIPI, Andrea Corradini & Ugo Montanari.
- International Colloquium on Theoretical Aspects of Computing 2011 (ICTAC 2011), 31 August 31 – 02 September 2011, Johannesburg (South Africa), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC member)
- 6th International Symposium on Trustworthy Global Computing (TGC 2011), 9 – 10 September 2011, Aachen (Germany), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 30, all countries, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni
- 9th International Conference on Integrated Formal Methods, 18 – 22 June 2012, Pisa (Italy), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, ISTI, Diego Latella (PC Co-Chair)
- 4th ACM SIGCHI Symposium on Engineering Interactive Computing Systems (EICS 2012), Copenhagen (Denmark), 25 – 28 June 2012, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 200, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Member)
- ANTS 2012: Eight International Conference on Swarm Intelligence, 12 – 14 September 2012, Brussels (Belgium), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, ULB, Marco Dorigo (general chair).

- 10th International Conference on Integrated Formal Methods, 10 – 14 June 2013, Turku (Finland), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, ISTI, Diego Latella (PC Member)
- 5th ACM SIGCHI Symposium on Engineering Interactive Computing Systems (EICS 2013), London (UK), 24 – 27 June 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 200, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Member)
- First International Conference on Context-Aware Systems and Applications (ICCASA 2012), 26 – 27 November 2012, Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), 200, all countries, UL, Emil Vassev (steering).
- 4th ACM/SPEC International Conference on Performance Engineering, 21 – 24 April 2013, Prague, (Czech Republic), Faculty and Ph.D. students, 160, all countries, CUNI, Petr Tuma (General co-chair)
- 15th International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION 2013), Firenze (IT), 3 – 5 June 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 30, all countries, ISTI/UDF, Mieke Massink (PC Member) and Rosario Pugliese (PC Member)
- Joint 15th IFIP International Conference on Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems and 33rd IFIP International Conference on FORMAL TECHNIQUES for Networked and Distributed Systems (FMOODS-FORTE 2013), 3 – 5 June 2013, Florence (Italy), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, Michele Boreale, DSIUF, PC co-chair
- 8th International Federated Conference on Distributed Computing Techniques (DisCoTec2013), Firenze (IT), 3 – 6 June 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 120, all countries, UDF, Michele Loreti (General Chair), Rosario Pugliese (Publicity Chair)
- 10th International Conference on Integrated Formal Methods, 10 – 14 June 2013, Turku (Finland), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, ISTI/UDF, Diego Latella (PC Member) and Michele Loreti (PC Member)
- 5th ACM SIGCHI Symposium on Engineering Interactive Computing Systems (EICS 2013), London (UK), 24 – 27 June 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 200, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Member)
- 8th Symposium on Trustworthy Global Computing (TGC 2013) – August 2013, Argentina, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, IMT, Alberto Lluch Lafuente (co-chair)
- 7th International Conference on Self-adaptive and Self-organizing Systems (SASO 2013), Philadelphia (USA), 9-13 September 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 120, all countries, UNIMORE, Franco Zambonelli (Steering Committee Member)
- 28-esimo Convegno Italiano di Logica Computazionale (CILC 2013), Catania, 25 – 27 September 2013, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, IMT, Valerio Senni (PC member)
- 10th International Symposium on Formal Aspects of Component Software (FACS 2013) – October 2013, Nanchang, China, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni (PC member)
- Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS 2013) – December 2013, IIT Guwahati, India, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 60, all countries, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni (PC member)

- The European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software (ETAPS), Grenoble (France), 5 – 13 April 2014, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 400, all countries, UJF-Verimag, Saddek Bensalem (Organizer)
- 17th International Conference on Fundamental Approaches to Software Engineering (FASE), Grenoble (F), 5 – 14 April 2014, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 50, all countries, ISTI/UDF, Mieke Massink (PC Member) and Rosario Pugliese (PC Member)
- 20th International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), Grenoble (F), 5 – 14 April 2014, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 50, all countries, UJF-Verimag, Saddek Bensalem (PC Member)
- 39th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2014) – August 2014, Italy, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, UNIPI, Fabio Gadducci (PC member)
- 25th International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 2014) – September 2014, Italy, Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 100, all countries, UNIPI, Fabio Gadducci (PC member)

2.5.2 Workshops

- Workshop on Foundations and Applications of Component-based Design (WFCD in ESWeek), 24 October 2010, Scottsdale (Arizona, USA), University and Industry, 39, all countries, Verimag, Jacques Combaz & Joseph Sifakis
- Ninth Workshop on Quantitative Aspects of Programming Languages (QAPL 2011), 1 – 3 April 2011, Saarbrücken (Germany), International, 30, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Co-Chair)
- 10th International Workshop on Graph Transformation and Visual Modelling Techniques (GT-VMT 2011), 2 – 3 April 2011, Saarbrücken (Germany), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 40, all countries, UNIPI, Fabio Gadducci
- 7th International Workshop on Automated Specification and Verification of Web Systems (WWV 2011), 9 June 2011, Reykjavik (Iceland), International, 15, all countries, UDF/IMT, Rosario Pugliese (Program chair) and Francesco Tiezzi (Program chair)
- 4th Interaction and Concurrency Experience (ICE 2011), 9 June 2011, Reykjavik (Iceland), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 25, all countries, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni
- Third Annual Meeting and Workshop of the Models and Logics for Quantitative Analysis ERCIM WG (MLQA 2011), 5 September 2011, Aachen (Germany), International, 30, all countries, ISTI, Diego Latella.
- 1st SASO Workshop on Self-awareness in Autonomic Systems (AWARE2011), 7 October 2011, Ann Arbor (Michigan, USA), International, 30, all countries, UNIMORE, Giacomo Cabri (Workshop chair)
- Fourth International Workshop on Foundations of Interface Technologies (FIT 2012), 25 March 2012, Tallin (Estonia), International, 30, all countries, LMU, Sebastian Bauer
- Tenth Workshop on Quantitative Aspects of Programming Languages (QAPL 2012), 31 March – 1 April 2012, Tallin (Estonia), International, 30, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Co-Chair)

- 1st Workshop on Graph Inspection and Traversal Engineering (GRAPHite 2012), 1 April 2012, Tallin (Estonia), International, 30, all countries, IMT, Alberto Lluch Lafuente (PC member)
- 5th Interaction and Concurrency Experience (ICE 2012), 16 June 2012, Stockholm (Sweden), Faculty and Ph.D. Students, 25, all countries, UNIPI/IMT, Roberto Bruni (PC member), Alberto Lluch Lafuente (PC member) and Francesco Tiezzi (PC Member)
- 8th International Workshop on Automated Specification and Verification of Web Systems (WWV 2012), 16 June 2012, Stockholm (Sweden), International, 20, all countries, IMT/UDF, Francesco Tiezzi (Program chair) and Rosario Pugliese (PC member)
- First International Workshop on Formal Methods for Self-Adaptive Systems (FMSAS 2012), 27 – 28 June 2012, Montreal (QC, Canada), International, 20, all countries, UL, Emil Vassev (chair), Mike Hinchey (steering)
- 8th Model-Driven and Agile Engineering for the Web (MDWE 2012), 25 July 2012, Berlin (Germany), International, 30, all countries, LMU, Nora Koch
- 3rd Workshop on the Web and Requirements Engineering (WeRE 2012), 27 July 2012, Berlin (Germany), International, 20, all countries, LMU, Nora Koch
- 17th International Workshop on Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems (FMICS2012), 27 – 28 August 2012, Paris (France), International, 30, all countries, ISTI, Mieke Massink (PC Member)
- 2nd SASO Workshop on Self-awareness in Autonomic Systems (AWARE2012), 10 September 2012, Lyon (France), International, 20, all countries, UNIMORE, Franco Zambonelli & Giacomo Cabri (Workshop chair)
- 6th International Symposium on Trustworthy Global Computing (TGC 2012), 7 – 8 September 2012, Newcastle (UK), International, 30, all countries, IMT/UNIPI/LMU, Martin Wirsing (steering), Ugo Montanari (steering), Rocco De Nicola (steering), Roberto Bruni (PC member) and Alberto Lluch Lafuente (PC member)
- First Model-Driven Security Workshop (MDsec 2012) at MoDELS 2012 conference, 1st October 2012, Innsbruck (Austria), International, 30, all countries, LMU, Nora Koch

2.6 Summer Schools

ASCENS members actively participated in the organization of the AWARENESS schools. On the one hand many lecturers of the AWARENESS Virtual Lecture Series (AVLS) were ASCENS members. On the other hand senior researchers of ASCENS organized the AWARENESS summer school held in Edinburgh, UK (AWASS 2012), and AWASS 2013, held in Lucca, Italy, which was attended among others by several ASCENS PhD students.

- Artist Summer School Europe 2011, 04 – 09 Sept 2011, Aix-les-Bains (France), University and Ph.D. students, 87, all countries, Verimag, Jacques Combaz
- Awareness Virtual Lecture Series (AVLS), all countries, LMU, UDF, UNIMORE, IMT, including the following lectures of ASCENS members:
 - SCEL: Service Component Ensemble Language - Rosario Pugliese (October 28, 2011)

- Self-aware Pervasive Service Ecosystems - Franco Zambonelli (November 11, 2011)
- Adaptation and Awareness in Robot Ensembles - Matthias Hözl (November 25, 2011)
- Awareness Summer School (AWASS 2012), 10 – 16 June 2012, Edinburgh (UK), PhD Students, 30, all countries, IMT, Andrea Vandin, Alberto Lluch
- Nano-Tera/Artist Summer School Europe 2012, 17 – 21 September 2012, Aix-les-Bains (France), University and Ph.D. students, 64, all countries, Verimag, Jacques Combaz
- Awareness Summer School (AWASS 2013), 24 – 28 June 2013, Lucca (Italy), PhD Students, 30, all countries, UDF, Michele Loreti (teacher), Andrea Vandin, Alberto Lluch Lafuente (organizers), LMU Martin Wirsing (invited speaker), Matthias Hözl (teacher).
- Summer School on Cyber-Physical Systems 2013, 08 – 12 July 2013, Grenoble (France), University and Ph.D. students, 70, all countries, Verimag, Saddek Bensalem (organizer)

2.7 Courses

During the first three reporting years, the academia partners taught ASCENS-related topics in several courses. The list below includes 39 graduate and postgraduate courses and tutorials. Some of them were taught in more than one term. The list provides name of the courses, type and size of the audiences (if available), location, members that were responsible for the course and the acronym of the partner.

- Distributed Systems and Computer Networks, Autumn 2010, Università di Firenze (Italy), master students, 10, UDF, Rosario Pugliese and Francesco Tiezzi.
- Modellierung dynamischer und adaptiver Systeme, Winter Term 2010/11, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), master and diploma students, 10, LMU, Martin Wirsing and Wolfgang Hesse.
- Models of Computation, Spring 2011, Università di Pisa (Italy), graduate students, 50, UNIPI, Ugo Montanari.
- Semantica e Teoria dei Tipi (in Italian), Spring 2011, University of Pisa and Scuola Normale (Italy), graduate and PhD students, 10, UNIPI, Ugo Montanari.
- Elements of Computability Theory, Spring 2011, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 10, UNIPI, Ugo Montanari.
- Concurrency Models, Spring 2011, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 10, UNIPI, Ugo Montanari.
- Formal Methods for Security Policies and Protocols, Spring 2011, Università di Pisa (Italy), master students, 15, UNIPI, Fabio Gadducci.
- Methods for the Specification and Verification of Business Processes, Spring 2011, Università di Pisa (Italy), master students, 23, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni.
- Formal Methods for Concurrent System, Spring 2011, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 7, UNIPI and IMT, Roberto Bruni and Rocco De Nicola.
- Probabilistic and Stochastic Methods in Process Algebras, Spring 2011, IMT (Italy), PhD students, IMT, Rocco De Nicola.

- Software Verification Methods, Spring 2011, Università di Pisa (Italy), master students, 5, UNIPI, Andrea Corradini and Gianluigi Ferrari.
- Techniques for System Verification and Evaluation, Spring 2011, Università di Firenze (Italy), undergraduate students, 10, ISTI, Mieke Massink.
- Swarm Intelligence INFO-H-414, Spring 2010-2012, Université; Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), undergraduate students, 20, IRIDIA-ULB, Marco Dorigo, Mauro Birattari, Carlo Pinciroli
- Software and Service Engineering, Spring 2011, 2012, and 2013, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia (Italy), undergraduate students, 25, UNIMORE, Franco Zambonelli.
- Distributed Software Systems, Autumn 2011 and 2012, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia (Italy), undergraduate students, 20, UNIMORE, Franco Zambonelli and Giacomo Cabri.
- Formal Methods for Specification and Validation, Autumn 2011, IMT Lucca, PhD students, UNIPI, Gianluigi Ferrari.
- Methods for the Specification and Verification of Business Processes, Autumn 2011, Università di Pisa (Italy), master students, 20, UNIPI, Roberto Bruni.
- Distributed Systems and Computer Networks, Autumn 2011, Università di Firenze (Italy), master students, 10, UDF, Rosario Pugliese and Francesco Tiezzi.
- Interpreters and Compilers, Autumn 2011, Università di Firenze (Italy), master students, 10, UDF, Rosario Pugliese and Francesco Tiezzi.
- Simulation with ARGoS, Spring 2011, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), students and PhD students, 7, LMU, Annabelle Klarl
- Program Analysis and Code Verification, Autumn 2011, CUNI (Czech Republic), master students, 13, CUNI, Jan Kofron.
- System Behavior Models and Verification, Spring 2012, CUNI (Czech Republic), master students, 20, CUNI, Jan Kofron.
- Modellierung dynamischer und adaptiver Systeme, Winter Term 2011/12, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor, master and diploma students, 17, LMU, Martin Wirsing and Wolfgang Hesse.
- Adaptive Agenten, Summer Term 2012, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor students, 18, LMU, Martin Wirsing, Andreas Schroeder, Annabelle Klarl, Christian Kroiš, Lenz Belzner.
- Formal Methods for System Verification, Winter term 2012/13, Università di Firenze (Italy), undergraduate students, 10, UDF, Michele Loreti, ISTI, Mieke Massink.
- Principles of Concurrent and Distributed Programming, Winter term 2012/13, IMT (Italy), PhD students, IMT, Rocco De Nicola
- Software Engineering and Service Oriented Systems, September/October 2012, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 6, IMT/LMU, Francesco Tiezzi, Martin Wirsing.
- Models of Sequential and Concurrent Systems, Winter term 2012/13, Università di Firenze (Italy), master students, 10, UDF, Rosario Pugliese.

- Modellierung dynamischer und adaptiver Systeme, Winter Term 2012/13, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor, master and diploma students, 12, LMU, Martin Wirsing and Wolfgang Hesse.
- Software Verification Methods, Spring 2013, University of Pisa (Italy), master students, 5, UNIPI, Andrea Corradini.
- Formal Methods in Computer Science, April 2013, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 8, IMT, Valerio Senni, Francesco Tiezzi.
- Formale Techniken in der Software-Entwicklung, Summer Term 2013, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor, master and diploma students, 6, LMU, Rocco De Nicola.
- Performance Modelling of Computer Systems, Summer Term 2013, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor, master and diploma students, 12, LMU, Mirco Tribastone.
- Seminar Engineering Intelligent Distributed Systems, Summer Term 2013, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany), bachelor, master and diploma students, 17, LMU, Matthias Hözl, Martin Wirsing, Lenz Belzner, Annabelle Klarl, Christian Kroiß.
- Software Engineering and Service Oriented Systems, September 2013, IMT (Italy), PhD students, 6, IMT/LMU, Francesco Tiezzi, Martin Wirsing.
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2.8 Distribution of Software Products

Within the scope of ASCENS, first prototypes were built or existing software tools developed in previous projects were adapted during the first 36 months of the project. The objective is the construction of demonstrators of the technologies that have been developed by the members of the ASCENS consortium. The final aim is to integrate these software tools in the Service Development Environment (SDE), which provides a tool integration platform enabling this way the combined use of tools, i.e. the construction of so-called tool chains.

The following table provides an overview on these ASCENS relevant tools. It includes only a brief description of them; for further details please refer to the deliverable(s) mentioned in the last column of the table.

Acronym	Software name	Description	License	Partner	Contact	URL	Deliverable
ARGoS	Autonomous Robots Go Swarming	ARGoS is a software designed to prototype robot control code for large heterogeneous swarms of robots	GPL	ULB	Carlo Pinciroli	http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/argos, https://github.com/ilpincy/argos3	D6.3 D7.3 JD3.1 JD3.2
ARGoS-Lua	ARGoS-Lua	The ARGoS-Lua library allows users to program controllers for ARGoS in Lua instead of C++	MIT	ULB	Carlo Pinciroli	http://github.com/ilpincy/argos3	JD3.2
ARGoS-MultiVeStA	ARGoS-MultiVeStA	A wrapper between ARGoS and the MultiVeStA distributed statistical analyzer.	MIT	ULB, IMT	Carlo Pinciroli, Andrea Vandin	http://github.com/ilpincy/argos3-multivesta	D6.3
BIP Compilers	BIP Compiler	The BIP compiler suite compiles models before submitting them to backends for code generation.	GNU	Verimag	Jacques Combaz	http://www-verimag.imag.fr/New-BIP-tools.html	D5.3 D7.3 JD3.1 JD3.2
BIP D-Finder	Verification tool	The tool verifies safety properties of systems specified in BIP.	GNU	Verimag	Jacques Combaz	http://www-verimag.imag.fr/DFinder.html	D5.3 JD3.2
FACPL	Formal Access Control Policy Language	A formal language for developing access control policies with an easily syntax and useful developing tools.	Eclipse Public License (EPL) v1.0	Verimag	Andrea Margheri	http://rap.dsi.unifi.it/facpl	DI.3 D6.3 JD3.1
GMC	Gimple Model Checker	GMC is an explicit state model checker for C and C++ languages	LGPL	CUNI	Jan Kofron	http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/~sery/gmc/	D6.3

Acronym	Software name	Description	License	Partner	Contact	URL	Deliverable
Helena Framework	Handling massively distributed systems with ELaborate ENsemble Architecture	Helena is a framework for running ensembles modeled around the notion of roles.		LMU	Annabelle Klari, Rolf Hennicker	http://www.pst.ifi.lmu.de/Personen/team/klarl/papers/helena.jar	D6.3 JD3.2
HL-SCEL	High Level Language for SCEL Ensembles	A compiler that starting from a HL-SCEL program generates jRESP code.	Eclipse Public License (EPL) v1.0	UDF	Michele Loreti	http://jresp.sourceforge.net/?page_id=16	D1.3
Iliad	Implementation of Logical Inference for Adaptive Devices	Iliad is an implementation of the POEM language that allows developers to analyze and execute POEM specifications	MIT	LMU	Matthias Hözl	https://github.com/hoelzl/Iliad	D8.3 JD3.2
jDEECo	Java Ensemble Component Framework	jDEECo is a Java-based implementation of the DEECo component model, which is a reification of SCEL geared towards practical development of software systems using SCEL concepts.	Apache License, Version 2.0	CUNI	Tomáš Brueš	https://github.com/d3scomp/JDEECo	D5.3 D6.3 D7.3 JD3.2
jRESP	Java Runtime Environment for SCEL Programs	jRESP is a runtime environment, developed in Java, that aims at providing programmers with a framework that permits developing autonomic and adaptive systems	Eclipse Public License (EPL) v1.0	UDF	Michele Loreti	https://code.google.com/p/jresp/	D1.3 D6.3 D7.3 D8.3 JD3.2

Acronym	Software name	Description	License	Partner	Contact	URL	Deliverable
jSAM	Java Stochastic Model-Checker	jSAM is an eclipse plug-in integrating a set of tools that permits supporting stochastic analysis of concurrent and distributed systems specified by means of process algebras, e.g. StoKlaim	EPL	UDF	Michele Loreti	http://rap.dsi.unifi.it/SAM/ , https://code.google.com/p/jsam/	D6.3
KLT	KnowLang Toolset	KLT provides a development environment for Knowledge Reasoning (KR) where we can write KR specifications in the KnowLang notation by using visual modeling tools and check for the syntactical integrity and consistency of the KR models.	GPL	UL	Emil Vassev	http://knowlang.lero.ie	D3.3 D6.3
Lua-Tools	Lua-Tools	Lua is a scripting language with meta-programming features that is frequently used in embedded devices. Lua-Tools is a library that focuses on the development of adaptive, autonomous systems	MIT	LMU	Matthias Hözl	https://github.com/hoelzl/Lua-Tools	D8.3
MESSI	Maude Ensemble Strategies Simulator and Inquirer	A framework to model, debug and analyze self-assemble scenarios.	GPL	IMT, UNIFI	Alberto Lluch, Andrea Vandin	http://sysma.lab.imtlucca.it/tools/ensembles/	D6.3 JD3.1 JD3.2
MISSCEL	Maude Interpreter and Simulator for SCEL	MISSCEL is an executable operational semantics of SCEL.	GPL	IMT	Andrea Vandin	http://sysma.lab.imtlucca.it/tools/ensembles/	DI.3 D6.3 JD3.1 JD3.2

Acronym	Software name	Description	License	Partner	Contact	URL	Deliverable
Pirlo	Action Programming in Rewriting Logic	Pirlo is an implementation of relational action programming in the MAUDE language that allows specification and interpretation of autonomous component behaviour via non-deterministic procedural action programs.	GPL	LMU	Lenz Belzner	http://www.pst.ifi.lmu.de/~belzner/action-programming/	D1.3 D8.3 JD3.1
SCLP	Soft Constraint Solver	An implementation of the Soft Constraint Logic Programming framework executing over CIAO Prolog	GNU LGPL	UNIPI	Valentina Monreale, Ugo Montanari	http://ciao-lang.org/index.html	D7.3 JD3.2
SCP	Science Cloud Platform	SCP is a Platform as a Service (PaaS) solution	EPL	Zimory, LMU	Philip Mayer	http://svn.pst.ifi.lmu.de/trac/scp	D3.3 D6.3 D7.3 JD3.2
SDE	Service Development Environment	SDE provides a service-oriented platform for (development) tool integration.	CPL	CUNI	Petr Tuma	http://svn.pst.ifi.lmu.de/trac/sde	D6.3
SPL	Runtime Performance Awareness Framework	SPL provides a performance monitoring service for ensembles implemented in Java	BSD	CUNI	Petr Tuma	http://sourceforge.net/projects/spl-tools/	D6.3 JD3.2
ZEC	Zimory Enterprise Cloud	ZEC provides a web based front-end and a RESTful API to be used within the PaaS solution. It is Zimory's product for IaaS Clouds	Commercial	Zimory	Jose Velasco	http://www.zimory.com	D7.3 JD3.2

2.9 Posters and Flyer

In addition to the ASCENS overview poster used during the first year of the project, a set of posters were recently designed for the ICT 2013 stand. The ASCENS overview poster fulfilled the objective to present key information of the project at a glance (like the list of partners, objectives, case studies and URL of the project website in Figure 5a). The poster includes also a graphical representation of the ASCENS approach and the main research areas. The ICT posters addressed specific topics and results of the project, such as the Ensembles Development Life Cycle, SCEL modeling, formal analysis with BIP, and policy synthesis for non-deterministic domains. An additional poster presented the scenario used in the different demonstrations that was performed during the exhibition on November 6-8, 2013 in Vilnius (see Figures 5b, 5c, 5e, 5d and 5f).

Figure 5 shows the flyer that was prepared for distribution at the forthcoming ICT 2013, that took place on November 6-8, 2013 in Vilnius. The flyer focuses on the Ensemble Development Life Cycle (EDLC) and the methods and tools developed or adapted within the scope of the project for each phase of the EDLC.

2.10 Use of Other Dissemination Channels

The ASCENS project uses a variety of additional and non-traditional channels for the dissemination of project key information and project results, such as presence in social networks, presentations on monitors at the university hall, internal reports at the partners' organizations or local events.

- **Social Networks.** ASCENS has created a facebook page that provides general information about the project, a discussion forum for interaction with interested facebook users, and a platform for content sharing with the public, e.g. graphics and videos illustrating and explaining the progress we make. The facebook page is also integrated with the ASCENS blog, providing users with another way of commenting on our articles and discussing them. Lastly, facebook is a means of improving cooperation and communication among project members by further connecting them.
- **Internet Festival, Pisa, May 5-8 2011.** In 2011 Italy celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Italian unification. The program of national celebrations includes a calendar of initiatives throughout the Italian territory, particularly in the cities that played a key role in the unity process, including Pisa. Pisa has been selected to represent the excellence of Italy in computer science. The Computer Science course at University of Pisa was the first one in the area to be activated in the whole Italy, during the 1960s. While information technologies are changing the ways we understand and construct the world, by providing new ways of sensing, communicating and analyzing data, remains largely unknown to the general audience. Hence, on the occasion of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Italy Unification, the Pisa University, the Italian National Research Institute, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and Scuola Normale Superiore have organized a conference devoted to the dissemination of research results in computer science. Detailed description of the event is available at <http://2011.internetfestival.it/>. ASCENS contact: Gianluigi Ferrari (UNIFI), Scientific Chair of Internet Festival 2011. Ugo Montanari (UNIFI) gave a Lecture on Autonomic Ensembles. Fabio Gadducci (UNIFI) presented a video on History of Computing.
- **LMU Monitors, Munich, June 2011.** ASCENS key data were published on monitors distributed through public accessible areas of the LMU building. ASCENS contact: Nora Koch (LMU). ASCENS contact: Nora Koch (LMU).

autonomic service-component ensembles

ensembles

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- operate in open and non-deterministic environments
- are built from self-aware components
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case studies

- e-mobility
- robot ensemble
- science cloud

engineering ensembles

- language for autonomous behavior
- knowledge representation of self-aware components
- mechanisms for adaptation
- verification using formal methods
- set of tools and tool integration platform

ASCENS PET Proactive 201414

Project Coordination: Martin Wessing, Ludvig Maximilians-Universität München, Germany

Partners: Volkswagen, Fraunhofer, zsmory, mobsys, etc.

(a) First overview poster

Engineering Autonomous Systems

Ensemble Development Life Cycle

- awareness and adaptive requirements
- language for autonomous behavior
- verification using formal methods
- knowledge representation of self-aware components
- mechanisms for adaptation
- tools for monitoring and awareness
- support of feedback loops from runtime to design

ASCENS consortium: Ludvig Maximilians-Universität München, Università di Pisa, Università di Firenze, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, etc.

ASCENS coordination: Martin Wessing (LMU)

ASCENS project: PET Proactive 201414.14

(b) EDLC

Formal Approach to Autonomous Systems Engineering

robot swarm: autonomous system

designing

SCEL: formal specification

```

S,K, ..., (AM,MB)
Z,K, ..., (AM,MB)
Z,K, ..., (AM,MB)
Z,K, ..., (AM,MB)
...
AM & P, ..., (AM,MB)
P, ..., (AM,MB)
    
```

formal semantics → **model** → reasoning → **verification results**

code generation → **jRESP: programming**

```

public class DataSeeker extends Agent {
    public DataSeeker() {
        super("DataSeeker");
    }
    protected void doRun() throws IOException,
        InterruptedException {
        Tuple t = query(
            new ActualTemplateField("targetLocation"),
            new FormalTemplateField(Double.class),
            new FormalTemplateField(Double.class),
            new Group(new HasValue("task", 1)));
        double x = t.getElementAt(Double.class, 1);
        double y = t.getElementAt(Double.class, 2);
        put(new Tuple("targetLocation", x, y));
        get(new Template(new ActualTemplateField("informed"),
            new ActualTemplateField("tabe")));
        Self SELF;
        put(new Tuple("informed", true), Self SELF);
    }
}
    
```

(c) SCEL modeling and JRESP generation

Optimization of Deployment Strategies using BIP

Analysis with BIP tools

deployment scenario (informal) → modeling → stochastic BIP model (formal semantics) → analysis with BIP tools → simulation ⇒ quick prototyping

statistical model-checking ⇒ based on many runs ⇒ confidence parameters ⇒ formal guarantees


Results for deployment strategies of marXbot robots

Strategy	Time to find 5 victims
single robot with straight walk	diverging
single robot with scanner	11562s
swarm with landmark + cooperation	1797s

(d) Deployment strategies using BIP

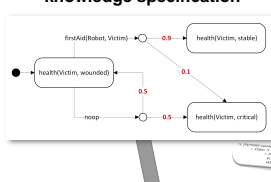
Figure 5: ASCENS posters


Policy Synthesis for Non-Deterministic Domains



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knowledge specification



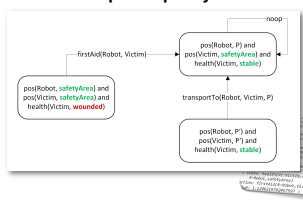



goal definition

```
(red IterateAndSort(
< state:
  pos(Robot, P:Position)
  and pos(Victim, safetyArea)
  and health(Victim, stable)
action: A:action
value: 1.0 > .)
```




optimal policy






Robotic Rescue Scenario




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Robot swarms

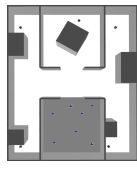
- deployed in a nuclear plant to
 - build a wall
 - find victims





1. Compete with our robot

- use a joystick controlled robot
- experience the robot's perspective




2. Watch a robot swarm

- how it behaves autonomously
- how it coordinates the rescue of victims

3. Analyze distributed robot behavior


- apply our formal approaches



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 BMT Lucerne | Mobaya | Charles University in Prague | CNR - IST

ASCENS coordination
 Martin Weising (LMU)


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(e) Policy synthesis for non-deterministic domains

(f) ICT 2013 demonstrations

Figure 4: ASCENS posters continued



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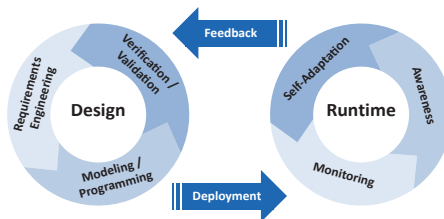
a software engineering approach

based on formal methods




Ensemble Development Life Cycle

The EDLC is an iterative process that proposes a doubly connected design-runtime life cycle for the development of service component ensembles (SCE) characterized by self-* properties like self-awareness and self-adaptation.



Requirements Engineering
In this phase a conceptual and operational framework is provided to elicit and rationally represent adaptation and awareness requirements of ensembles.
⇒ ARE, SOTA

Modeling/Programming
For the specification and coding of self-* properties of ensembles a set of languages were designed. They address how different components interact to form ensembles, their behavior, and knowledge manipulation according to specific policies.
⇒ ARGoS, BIP, DEECo/DEECo, FACPL, Helena, IRM, JRESP, KnowLang, SCeL/MISSCEL

Verification/Validation
Formal proofs of ensembles' models and code are proposed for planning and controlling execution.
⇒ BIP D-Finder, GMC, Iliad, JSAM, MESSI, MISSCEL

Deployment
Static and hot deployment is supported.
⇒ ARGoS, BIP, DEECo/DEECo, JRESP

Monitoring
Both individual components of an ensemble and their environment are monitored using mechanisms at runtime to collect data for the purpose of awareness.
⇒ ARGoS, SPL (performance monitoring)

Awareness
This phase comprises the knowledge of the system and its environment as well as the reasoning mechanisms that an ensemble can employ at runtime.
⇒ ARGoS, KnowLang, MATSim, POEM/Iliad

Self-Adaptation
In case of awareness of malfunctions, contingencies or performance issues, the system evaluates possibilities of adaptation in form of re-configuration or self-expression.
⇒ SOTA patterns

Feedback
The feedback transition takes data collected during monitoring back to the design phases.
⇒ IRM

Case Studies

Science Cloud

The cloud computing scenario is designed as a Platform as a Service (PaaS) solution composed by autonomous nodes that are (self-)aware of

- ⇒ changes in load;
- ⇒ the network structure (i.e. nodes coming and going);
- ⇒ the need of self-healing properties (network resilience).

The Science Cloud provides fail-over solution, i.e. self-adaptation or what we may call application execution resilience.



Swarm Robots

In the disaster recovery scenario a robot swarm is used to perform dangerous activities.



Part of the building has collapsed, trapping a number of victims inside. The autonomous robots must explore, search for victims, and collaborate for the rescue.
The robots must build a wall to screen themselves from a harmful radiation source.

Cooperative Vehicles

The e-Mobility scenario focuses on avoiding contingency situations in an open-ended and highly dynamic system.

The main components are the user, the electric vehicle, the parking lot and charging stations. Throughout runtime, contingency situations may occur. Components and ensembles require self-adaptive actions to resolve these situations.



Figure 5: ASCENS flyer

- **Fraunhofer Annual Report, September 2011.**, ASCENS project http://www.first.fraunhofer.de/uploads/tx_wfproject/Jahresbericht_2010_Projekt_ASCENS_03.pdf (in German, September 2011), ASCENS contact: Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer).
- **Internet Festival, Pisa, October 4-7 2012.** A second edition of the Internet Festival has taken place in Pisa in October, with a much broader and larger audience than the first edition. ASCENS contact: Gianluigi Ferrari (UNIFI), chair of scientific committee, and Fabio Gadducci, member of executive committee.
- Rocco De Nicola (IMT) visited LMU from April 10 to July 28, 2013.
- **Knowledge Acceleration and ICT, Pisa, Italy, September 20, 2013.** The workshop has been jointly organised by UNIFI and the Informatics Eng. Dept. to outline a Tuscany agenda for the European ICT research. Many local companies have participated to the event. ASCENS contact: Ugo Montanari (UNIFI).
- **Internet Festival, Pisa, October 10-13 2013.** A third edition of the Internet Festival has taken place in Pisa in October, with the same broad scope yet a larger audience than the second edition. ASCENS contact: Gianluigi Ferrari (UNIFI), chair of scientific committee, and Fabio Gadducci, member of executive committee.
- **ICT 2013, Vilnius, November 6-8 2013.** Exhibition and conference organised by the EC. ASCENS contact: Nora Koch (LMU), Nikola Serbedzija (Fraunhofer), ASCENS demonstrations: Michael Bonani (Mobsya), Carlo Pinciroli (ULB), Francesco Tiezzi (IMT), Jacques Combaz (Verimag), Lenz Belzner (LMU).

3 Collaboration Platforms and Activities

The collaboration task includes the creation of communication mechanisms and infrastructure at project level and inter-project activities under the umbrella of the proactive initiative's associated Coordination Action AWARENESS. The communication mechanisms within the project are the basis for the creation of collaboration possibilities with other projects, academia and industry in general.

These communication mechanisms comprise mailing lists, an internal collaboration platform (ASCENS wiki), social networks and a set of associated researchers. In particular, the activities within the scope of the coordination action AWARENESS were very fruitful.

3.1 Coordination Action AWARENESS

Members of the ASCENS project have been actively involved in the following activities organized by the coordination action AWARENESS or activities in which AWARENESS projects were involved.

- AWARENESS Inaugural Meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, December 14–15, 2010.
- Bilateral meeting of the coordinators of AWARENESS projects ASCENS and SYMBRION in Munich, Germany, February 15, 2011.
- AWARENESS Advisory Board Meeting in Amsterdam, September 22–23, 2011. Presentation on “Research Challenges for Ensembles” (see Sect. 2.4).

- Preparation of the AWARENESS Virtual Lecture Series (AVLS) (<http://www.aware-project.eu/lectures/>) (see Sect. 2.6).
- AWARENESS Inter-Project Workshop in Bologna, Italy, January 22–26, 2012.
- AWARENESS Summer School (AWASS 2012), in Edinburgh, UK, June 10–16, 2012.
- AWARENESS Slide Factory in Barcelona, Spain, September 24–26, 2012.
- AWARENESS Summer School (AWASS 2013), in Lucca, Italy, June 23–28, 2013.

3.2 Associated Researchers

ASCENS invited selected researchers of the relevant communities to become an associated researcher to the project and to keep contact during the duration of the project. Associated researchers were invited to ASCENS meetings and informed by email on the project progress. In particular, Heinz Schmidt, Mario Coppo and Marianguola Dezani used these facilities to participate in the project kick-off and general meetings in Grenoble and Florence. In addition, Hernán Melgratti and Stefano Bistarelli attended the Florence meeting.

The following is the list of the current associated researchers to the ASCENS project.

- Heinz Schmidt, University of Melbourne
- Alexander Knapp, University of Augsburg
- Anders Lyhne Christensen, Inst. Telecom. of Lisbon
- Hernán Melgratti, University of Buenos Aires
- Carla Ferreira, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Paolo Baldan, University of Padova
- Barbara Koenig, University of Duisburg-Essen
- Gefei Zhang, Bertelsmann IT, Munich
- Tobias Heindel, University of Paris XIII
- Mariangiola Dezani, University of Torino
- Mario Coppo, University of Torino
- Stefano Bistarelli, University of Perugia
- Emilio Tuosto, University of Leicester
- Massimo Bartoletti, University of Cagliari
- Vincenzo Ciancia, ILLC Amsterdam
- Filippo Bonchi, Ecole Normale Sup Lyon
- Lorenzo Bettini, Università di Torino
- Luis Caires, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

- Marco Bernardo, Università degli Studi di Urbino
- Marco Aldinucci, Università di Torino
- Francesca Rossi, Università di Padova

3.3 Contacts to Industry and other Projects

ASCENS partners got in contact with industry, members of other national and European projects; in particular to those related to the AWARENESS coordination action. The most relevant projects, which focus on topics related to the ASCENS research areas, and industrial contacts are listed below. The ASCENS members who are responsible for the contact are included in each item of the list.

- Industry, Intecs Sistemi S.p.A., ASCENS contacts: Mieke Massink, Diego Latella (ISTI)
- Symbion EU Project, Sergej Kernbach, Universität Stuttgart, ASCENS contacts: Martin Wirsing, Matthias Hölzl, Nora Koch (LMU)
- SAPERE EU Project, Franco Zambonelli, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, ASCENS contacts: Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)
- COST EU Action Towards Autonomic Road Transport Support Systems, Lee McCluskey, University of Huddersfield, ASCENS contacts: Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)
- Project RUPOS (funded by Regione Toscana, Italy), Partners: Link.it and Hyperborea, ASCENS contacts: Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini and Gianluigi Ferrari (UNIFI)
- Project Sister (funded by Italian Ministry for the University), Partners: University of Padua, University of Udine, ASCENS contacts: Andrea Corradini, Fabio Gadducci and Valentina Monreale (UNIFI)
- Project IPODS (funded by Italian Ministry for the University), Partners: University of Turin, University of Bologna, University Ca Foscari of Venice, ASCENS contacts: Roberto Bruni and Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)
- Project TESLA – Techniques for Enforcing Security in Languages and Applications (funded by Regione Sardegna, Italy), Partners: University of Cagliari, University Ca Foscari of Venice, ASCENS contact: Gianluigi Ferrari (UNIFI)
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board of FP7 FET Integrated Project HATS (Highly Adaptable and Trustworthy Software using Formal Methods), ASCENS contact: Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board of ICT-2007.8.6, FET Proactive 6, ICT Forever Yours project CONNECT, Emergent Connectors for Eternal Software Intensive Networked Systems, ASCENS contact: Ugo Montanari (UNIFI)
- Project Pro3D of FP7 (Programming for Future 3D Architecture with Many Cores) ASCENS contact: Jacques Combaz (Verimag)
- Project NESSoS of FP7 (<http://www.nessos-project.eu/>) Fabio Martinelli, CNR, ASCENS contact: Nora Koch (LMU)
- IBM Smart Cities Center, Dublin, Ireland. ASCENS contact: Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)

- Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Pisana, Pisa Italy. ASCENS contact: Roberto Bruni, Andrea Corradini, Gian Luigi Ferrari (UNIFI)
- Project H2Swarm (funded by the European Science Foundation). ASCENS contacts: Marco Dorigo (ULB) and Francesco Mondada (EPFL)
- SRI International, Computer Science Laboratory. ASCENS contact: Matthias Hözl (LMU)
- RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. ASCENS contact: Martin Wirsing (LMU)
- QUANTICOL EU Project, Rocco De Nicola (IMT), Diego Latella (ISTI), Michele Loreti (UDF), Mieke Massink (ISTI), ASCENS contacts: Mieke Massink, Rocco De Nicola
- FOCAS EU Coordination Action, Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE), Giacomo Cabri (UNIMORE)
- MUCCA Project on Cooperative Urban Mobility, Regione Emilia-Romagna (I), Franco Zambonelli (UNIMORE)
- Methods and Tools for On-board Software Engineering, ESA/ESTEC CONTRACT No. 4000106016, Lero at UL (Ir), Emil Vassev (UL), Mike Hinchey(UL)
- Project CINA (funded by Italian Ministry for the University), Partners: University of Turin, University of Genova, University of Bologna, University of Camerino, University Ca Foscari of Venice, ASCENS contacts: Rocco De Nicola (IMT)
- DFG Priority Programme Design for Future – Managed Software Evolution. ASCENS contact: Martin Wirsing (LMU)
- Project Distributed MILS of FP7 (<http://www.d-mils.org/>), ASCENS contact: Jacques Combaz (UJF-Verimag)
- Project CERTAINTY of FP7 (<http://www.certainty-project.eu/>), ASCENS contact: Jacques Combaz (UJF-Verimag)

4 Exploitable Knowledge

Although the ASCENS project has a strong theoretical orientation focusing on basic research activities around engineering autonomic service-component ensembles, project results are planned to be demonstrated in pragmatic case studies. For example, the partners with expertise in robotics, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and Mobsya are very interested as well in transferring the developed methods, analysis and technologies for ensembles to concrete robot swarms. In particular, the industrial partners, Volkswagen AG and Zimory GmbH are keen to transfer the research results into prototypes and in the future into products; more details in the following sections.

4.1 Exploitation Strategies of Industrial Partners

The industrial partners Volkswagen AG and Zimory GmbH defined initial exploitation strategies. Volkswagen AG is planning a new generation of interactive and intelligent e-Vehicles. The ASCENS engineering approach will help Volkswagen to overcome e-Mobility restrictions by developing such e-Vehicles and to support the flexible integration of new services such as e-Charging into the vehicle

under consideration. Zimory developed a unique technology to build federated cloud environments integrated in the current production solutions. This technology enables customers to build infrastructure clouds across their own partner networks. The results of the ASCENS engineering approach will be used by Zimory to improve the cloud environment providing solutions for very critical workloads. In particular, self awareness in such cloud environments will reduce the starting time even more.

The following table provides an overview of the components that Volkswagen and Zimory are developing within the scope of the ASCENS project. The vehicle service planner, the user service planner and the cloud application scheduler are briefly described in the sections below.

Type of Exploitable foreground	Description of exploitable foreground	Confidential	Exploitable products	Sectors of application
Mobility Scheduling Unit	Software component allowing the user to automatically optimize his daily travel pattern	yes	Mobility Assistant	e-mobility
Simulation	Simulation allowing the verification of the behaviour of autonomous, distributed SCs	yes	Simulation	e-mobility
Cooperative scheduling Unit	Software component allowing to automatically optimize local travel of individual users and negotiate the said local results on the global system level. The system provides cooperative travel solutions to the user.	yes	Cooperative Mobility Assistant	e-mobility
Cloud scheduling component	Software component allowing the autonomous application scheduling in a distributed cloud environment	yes	Cloud application scheduler	cloud computing

4.1.1 Mobility Assistant

Mobility planning services intend to improve mobility resource usage and customer satisfaction. In a connected mobility system, these services need to handle distributed knowledge and operate seamlessly in diverse environments. Sensing, cognition and execution units are distributed on different devices such as vehicles, mobile phones and clouds. The mobility assistant aggregates user-, vehicle- and infrastructure-related information and proposes optimal travel patterns to the user. Human-machine interaction may be realized by web-services, mobile phone applications or in-vehicle navigation services. Based on the personal calendar of the user, the mobility assistant schedules and displays travel information. Results of the scheduling process include route proposals and charging recommendations, which are based on the user preferences. Moreover, the mobility assistant raises the user's awareness of traffic flow, charging station availability and vehicle energy consumption. The mobility assistant continuously observes the energy consumption and intervenes if necessary. The mobility as-

sistant can be understood as a further development of the user journey planner and the vehicle journey planner as described by last year's report.

The development of a distributed, autonomous version of the mobility assistant is greatly supported by ASCENS concepts, in particular the design and the verification phase.

4.1.2 Simulation of Distributed, Autonomous Agents

Products of autonomous behaviour that are designed in a distributed fashion require extensive evaluation. An extended traffic simulation framework is developed in order to deploy SCs and both verify their behaviour and validate the improvement potential. The traffic simulation is to be used to validate future autonomous services.

4.1.3 Cloud Scheduling Component

In the cloud case study the commercial exploitation is focused on leveraging the tools and methods investigated within ASCENS in a commercial context. Of particular interest are the research into and the prototype for the science cloud platform, with a specific focus on how self-aware behavior in cloud applications is realized.

The science cloud platform developed in work package seven of the ASCENS project is used both a set of industry-inspired features testing the ASCENS methods and tools, and, on the other hand, for gathering feedback from the ASCENS tools and methods back to the SCP and industry. The SCP focusses on running applications on a peer-to-peer, voluntary computing based cloud platform, which integrates tightly with the existing Zimory IaaS solution, adding a PaaS layer. A first prototype of the SCP has already been implemented, and a first set of tools and (formal) methods has been applied to the case study.

The next year will see an evaluation phase in which Zimory and the scientific ASCENS partners discuss the use of formal and other methods and tools in the science cloud application area, possibly leading to (architectural) redesigns and/or new insights into tools and methods. The methods will include looking at how self-aware behavior can be successfully achieved. In this context, the focus for the exploitation will be on analyzing a potential implementation in a commercial distributed cloud environment. Zimory will do such an analysis within a high-profile industry project, where multiple industry players aim to build a distributed cloud environment. Zimory will present the results and gather a formal feedback. This feedback will further direct the direction of the commercialization.

4.2 Patents

No patents have been registered during the first three periods of the ASCENS project.

4.3 Exploitation Strategies of Academic Partners

The use of ASCENS results through academic partners falls into two categories. In the first category, academic partners use the research results in advanced seminars and practical lab courses. In these teaching activities, scientific results of the ASCENS project are presented to students in a way that is embedded within their regular curriculum. Here, the research results presented are leveraged to give students insights into technologies and techniques that go beyond well-established state-of-the-art. In the second category, the ASCENS results are exploited in research activities. Here, PhD students build upon and foster the materials produced in the ASCENS project to advance their research.

In particular, the following partners have performed exploitation strategies on top of the more explicitly mentioned dissemination and exploitation activities (such as invited talks, conference presentations, tutorials, and panels) reported in the respective subsections under Section 2.

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

- Graduate Seminar: Dynamic and adaptive systems held in the winter terms of 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14.
- Graduate Seminar: Engineering intelligent distributed systems, held in the summer term of 2013.
- Proseminar, held in German, on Adaptive Systeme (adaptive systems) in the summer term of 2012.
- Annabelle Klarl, Christian Kroiß, Lenz Belzner perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics.

Università di Pisa

- Matteo Sammartino and Gianluca Mezzetti perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics at Università di Pisa.
- Alain Tcheukam and Olga Pustovalova perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics at Institutions Markets Technologies - Institute for advance studies Lucca.
- The kick-off meeting of the CINA project (Italian MIUR, PRIN 2010) was organized and held in Pisa on February 4-6, 2013. The CINA projects builds on results of ASCENS.

Università di Firenze

Luca Cesari and Andrea Margheri perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics.

Verimag Laboratory

Souha Ben Rayana, Ayoub Nouri, and Christian Von Essen perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics.

Université Libre de Bruxelles

- ARGoS is used to perform research experiments, as well as teaching activities for the Swarm Intelligence course of ULB.
- ARGoS-Lua is used for educational purposes in the Swarm Intelligence course of ULB.
- ARGoS-MultiVeStA is currently under testing, and used to verify the current ARGoS implementation.

Charles University of Prague

- Rima Al Ali, Ilias Gerostathopoulos, Michal Kit, Jaroslav Keznikl, and Vojtech Horky perform their PhD research on ASCENS topics.
- Several department seminars are held throughout the year on the work in progress on ASCENS-related topics.

5 Summary

The dissemination activities performed during the first three periods of the project (October 2010 to September 2013) include publication of project results on the ASCENS website and the ASCENS blog, publications and presentations at conferences and workshops, co-organization of events, teaching courses and tutorials, distribution of software products, and the preparation of dissemination material for a wide audience, such as a poster and a magazine overview article.

This section presents a summary “in numbers” to the composition of the consortium and the dissemination of project results and collaboration activities.

Measurement Category	Subcategory	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Partners	Universities	10	-	-	10
	Research organizations	3	-	-	3
	Companies	2	-	-	2
	Countries	7	-	-	7
Participants	Researchers	68	1	10	79
	Associated researchers	16	5	-	21
Web presence	Web pages	58	8	9	75
	Blog entries	8	7	6	21
	Links to project site	41	3	2	46
Publications	Total	50	80	62	192
	Book contributions	4	1	-	5
	Articles in journals	7	9	16	32
	Papers in conf. and workshops	37	67	44	148
	Technical reports	1	3	2	6
	Overview online publication	1	-	-	1
	Joint publications (partners)	8	31	20	59
	Joint publications (assoc. res.)	4	6	2	12
Presentations and tutorials		40	31	33	104
Summer schools	co-organized	2	2	2	6
Courses		17	10	12	39
Conferences and workshops	co-organized	11	20	16	47
Contacts	Industry/other projects	12	5	8	25
Software products		4	11	8	23

Table 4: ASCENS in numbers