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Preface

The Symposium on Ubiquitous Computing and Ambient Intelligence (UCAmI) began as a workshop held in 2003 in San Sebastián (Spain) under the Spanish Artificial Intelligence Conference. This event gathered 32 attendees and 18 papers were presented. The second edition, already as a Symposium, took place in Granada (Spain) under the first Spanish Computer Science Conference (CEDI). Later, in 2006, a second workshop was celebrated in Ciudad Real and, in 2007; the second Symposium was organized in Zaragoza by the CEDI conference. Now we continue to work on the organization of this event in Salamanca, a beautiful Spanish city.

The European Community and the Sixth and Seventh Framework Programs encourage researchers to explore the generic scope of the AmI vision. In fact, some researchers have a crucial role in this vision. Emile Aarts from Philips describes Ambient Intelligence as "the integration of technology into our environment, so that people can freely and interactively utilize it". This idea agrees with the proposal of Mark Weiser regarding the Ubiquitous Computing paradigm.

The UCAmI community tries to join experts around the world in order to promote collaborations and to put into practice studies for involving people into intelligent environments so that the "Everyday Computing" concept can be a reality. The UCAmI technical program includes 40 papers (31 long paper, 6 short paper and 3 doctoral consortium) selected from a submission pool of 56 papers, from 11 different countries. We thank the excellent work of the local organization members and also from the members of the Program Committee for their excellent reviewing work.

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