

## Nouvelle activité

Hello everybody, my name is Gianluigi Zavattaro. I'm a professor in computer science at the University of Bologna and today I'm here to say something about the history of discotheque. I did some archaeology concerning when and how and why discotheque was somehow invented. Before discotheque we had some independent conferences, in particular FMOODS and coordination that were organized for the first time in 1996 with two different communities behind and also different topics. Coordination was interested in studying models for realizing distributed systems like tuple spaces or at the time people were working about chemical metaphors for programming distributed applications. The first edition was organized in Cesena by Roberto Goriere, my supervisor, and FMOODS was organized in Paris by Elie Naim. There was interest in moving the object-oriented paradigm to the programming distributed application, in particular the corva technology was attracting a lot of attention in the research community and this was probably the main topic of that conference with the idea of applying formal techniques, formal methods in on that particular languages. The two conferences continued for a while independently. The idea of joining these two conferences was discussed during FMOODS in Athens in 2005 between Elie Naim, the main passer behind FMOODS, and the invited speaker at that conference was Rocco De Nicola and the two met on a bus because the conference was organized in the campus so people had to move from the center of the city to the conference and the bus was also a committee of coordination at that time. Elie and Rocco decided that it could be nice to merge the two communities and co-organize the conference. In Athens also a third conference was organized in co-location with FMOODS called DICE and well that day on the bus in Athens the idea of merging the three conferences was somehow decided. I was on the same bus and I was invited to organize the first edition of this confederated conference and this happens in Bologna in June 2006 and I had the pleasure to organize this first edition of discotheque. Something about the name of the conference, everything was ready to start advertising the conference, the website was ready to be made public but the name of the URL was not so good. It was only Bologna 06 and Elie Naim observed that it was not nice for a conference to present such a non-significant name. Kurt Geiss, another guy behind the DICE conference proposed the discotheque with a different meaning, distributed computing technologies. He was a DICE person more interested in technologies for distributed computing. Given that coordination had a focus on languages and methods and for FMOODS on formal techniques, well the idea has been that of replacing technologies, which was more product oriented, into techniques. The website changed its name from Bologna 06 in Discotheque 06, the first edition of our conference. Since then the community started merging and some years later given the success of the first edition of discotheque, also another conference which was somehow related to part of the discotheque community called FORTE, with long transition on the application of formal techniques on distributed protocols, decided to join the confederation. If I remember well, it was after three years of discotheque that FORTE and FMOODS decided to merge together and this was the first time the current shape of the conference was observed with the three conferences that we know nowadays, coordination, FORTE and DICE.