

Live Study track at REFSQ 2020

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The REFSQ conference has a tradition of a special plenary session for conducting a “live study” involving the conference attendees on a voluntary basis. The live study track aims to promote the application of empirical research methods to the exploration and evaluation of requirements engineering phenomena. A live study could be an experiment, a focus group, an interview-based study or an online survey related to requirement engineering. For REFSQ 2020, we added the possibility of conducting a “user study” for evaluating requirements engineering tools.

REFSQ 2020 received two submissions for “live studies”. Three independent reviewers reviewed each of the submissions. After given a conditional acceptance to both proposals, the co-chairs of the track decided to accept both live study proposals for inclusion in the conference program:

- *“Exploring the influence of the emotional state on the efficiency for correcting defects in conceptual models: a Live Study”*, authored by Franci Suni, Angela Mayhua, Maria Fernanda Granda.
- *“On the Perceived Harmfulness of Requirement Smells: An Empirical Study”*, authored by Valentina Lenarduzzi, Davide Fucci, Daniel Mendez.

The authors are going to introduce their live study to the REFSQ 2020 attendees and conduct their studies according to their proposed plans. Preliminary results of the two studies will be shared with the REFSQ 2020 participants within the closing session of the conference.

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