

## ■ Message from the AITO president

After 21 years, ECOOP returns to Norway, this time hosted by the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences in Bergen. I am delighted to welcome all ECOOP attendees to this vibrant and fascinating city.

Norway holds a special place in the history of ECOOP. One of the early editions of the conference was held here in 1988. More importantly, Norway is the home of Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard, the acknowledged co-inventors of Object-Oriented Programming, who were honored with the “ACM A. M. Turing Award” in 2001 for their groundbreaking contributions.

This year, for the first time, the “ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Generative Programming: Concepts & Experiences” (GPCE) is co-located with ECOOP. I am confident this will establish a long-standing collaboration between the two conferences and their closely connected communities, which share many researchers and interests.

The ECOOP 2025 organizers, together with the GPCE team, have done an outstanding job putting together a rich and diverse program, featuring seven workshops and a doctoral symposium. Many thanks to the ECOOP General Chair, Volker Stolz; the Local Organization Chair, Violet Ka I Pun; the Program Committee Co-Chairs, Alexandra Silva and Jonathan Aldrich; and all other members of the organizing committee for their dedication and contributions.

I look forward to an exciting week of conferences and workshops, stimulating presentations, fruitful personal interactions, and inspiring keynotes—including the talks by the two 2025 Dahl-Nygaard Prize winners. Enjoy the conference and your time in Bergen!

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