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This Procedia CIRP Special Issue is a collection of manuscripts from the 10<sup>th</sup> CIRP Conference on Industrial Product-Service Systems (CIRP IPS<sup>2</sup> 2018). Because our societies face increasing demands to better address resource and environmental challenges, this year's theme was resource efficient and effective solutions (REES).

In total, we received 65 full-paper submissions, of which 64 were effective after plagiarism check and sent for peer review. All papers were reviewed by at least two independent external reviewers, and many were reviewed by three reviewers plus the guest editors' evaluations in case of inconsistent comments or late response from the reviewers. After first round review, 53 R1 revisions addressing comments from both guest editors and reviewers were received and assessed. Over half of the R1 revisions could not meet the acceptance standard, and further revisions were requested. Some papers underwent R3 or even R4 revisions. Finally, 52 submissions were accepted. All of them were presented in person at the conference and are thus included in this issue. The author affiliations covered 14 countries including Belgium, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (in alphabetical order).

The articles were allocated into different sessions in the conference as follows:

- Smart PSS and digitalization (13 articles)
- PSS design (9 articles)
- PSS modeling (4 articles)
- Business model for of PSS (5 articles)
- Business model for and implementation of PSS (4 articles)
- Maintenance in PSS (4 articles)
- Organization for PSS (4 articles)
- Circular production system (5 articles)
- Circular economy and PSS (4 articles)

The session with the most articles was Smart PSS and digitalization (13 articles), which is in line with today's rapidly growing trend of digitalization towards Industry 4.0 and the development of smart key-enabling technologies in the context of IPS<sup>2</sup>. The session with the second-most articles was PSS design (9 articles), showing the ubiquitous importance of design. Articles discussing other topics were quite evenly distributed, covering all major aspects related to PSS.

We would like to acknowledge the great contribution from the authors and participants of the conference and express our deep gratitude to the international scientific committee and local organizing committee who took great responsibility to ensure the scientific quality of all the papers.

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