Strengths & weaknesses of European systems research -- and what to do about it

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Strengths

Diverse, vigorous research
Out-of-box thinking
Many funding sources, including industrial
Weaknesses

Amateurish, unprofessional(?)
Dispersed
Short-term objectives
No academic recognition
Language barriers

Short PhDs
Poor funding, subject to political whims
Not Sigops-Fashionable:
- Adaptive, reconfigurable, components
- Embedded, real-time, smartcard
- Language+systems
- Cluster, grid
- Theory

Ignorance, clique effect, decision centers

Presentation/language perfectionism

SOSP, OSDI very competitive
What can we do?

Improve funding, change universities???

SIGOPS European Chapter
- Exchange and coordinate
- Independent of funding agencies
- Workshops and conference

Europe-based systems conference
- To SIGOPS standards of excellence
- Inclusive topics
- International program committee
- Value good ideas
- (Slight) reverse bias

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\[ \text{SOSP/OsDI schedule} \]