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The close relationships between information and knowledge society and technological evolution pose new and challenging ethical questions that involve all human activities. We have therefore to consider ICT technologies in their context as a facilitator of social interactions, human endeavour and environmental wellbeing. We cannot simply live with these technologies, we need to live, work and learn beyond them.

The papers of this special issue address the ethical aspects that exist in various domains, such as, professions, software development and applications, monitoring and workload characterization. These selected papers are extensions of their preliminary version presented at the “Tenth ETHICOMP International Conference on the Social and Ethical Impacts of Information and Communication Technology” held in September 2008 at Mantua (Italy).

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