Message from AINA 2008
Steering Committee Chair

Welcome to the 22nd International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA-2008). It is our great pleasure and honor to hold AINA-2008 at Ginowan City, Okinawa, from March 25 to 28, 2008.

On behalf of the AINA steering committee and AINA-2008 organizing committee, we would like to express to all the participants, especially our visitors from outside countries, our cordial welcome and high respect.

AINA-2008 is the 22nd international conference on advanced information networking and applications, which is held for scientists and researchers from not only academia, but also industry, working in various scientific and technical areas of networking and distributed computing systems, as well as to demonstrate new opportunities and solutions in distributed computing systems. AINA was born in Asia and is now an international conference with great help and cooperation of many international friendly volunteers. AINA should be open society and is always welcoming international volunteers from any country and any area.

In 2003, AINA-2003 was very successfully held at X’ian, China, which was the first time “AINA” was used as the conference name. Before AINA-2004, the conference used to be named ICOIN (International Conference on Information Networking). In 2003, we decided to change the name of the conference to AINA in order to make the conference more internationally promoted. In addition, AINA is an international conference sponsored by IEEE Computer Society TCDP. At AINA-2003, about 250 papers were submitted. At AINA-2004 held at Fukuoka, 401 papers were submitted from many countries in the world. At this AINA-2005, totally 456 papers were submitted. In addition to the conference, three workshops are held in conjunction with AINA-2005. AINA moved to Europe in 2006.

AINA-2006 was held at Vienna. Totally 521 papers were submitted and 10 workshops were held in conjunction with AINA-2006. AINA-2007 was held at Niagara, Canada. 444 papers were submitted and 15 workshops were held. This was the first time AINA came to North America. This year, a total of 469 papers were submitted to AINA 2008 conference and 16 workshops were held in conjunction with AINA 2008. AINA usually publish special issues in international journals after the conference is held. Every author who attends AINA and presents a paper not only at an AINA conference but also an AINA workshop can submit a revised version of the paper to a special issue.

An international conference is organized with support and great voluntary efforts of many people and organizations and our main responsibility is to coordinate the various tasks carried out with other willing and talented volunteers. We would like to thank the General Co-Chairs Prof. Leonard Barolli, Fukuoka Institute of Technology, Japan and Prof. Yoshitaka Shibata, Iwate Prefectural University, Japan, for very successful organization of AINA-2008 with me. We would like to express our special thanks to Prof. Tomoya Enokido, Risho University, Japan and Prof. Irfan Awan, University of Bradford, England for making an excellent technical program as the Program Co-Chairs. Especially, Prof. Tomoya Enokido really worked very hard for organizing AINA-2008 and collecting 469 papers submitted and making an excellent technical program.

We would like to greatly appreciate Prof. Elhadi Shakshuki, Acadia University, Canada, Prof. David Taniar, Monash University, Australia, and Prof. Akio Koyama, Yamagata University, Japan, for organizing 16 excellent AINA-2008 workshops. We also thank all chairs and committee members of the AINA workshops. Without workshops, we could not successfully organize AINA-2008.

We also would like to greatly thank for excellent local arrangements and registrations and Ms. Yuka Onaga, Okinawa Convention Bureau. She really invited AINA2008 to Okinawa. Without her, there was no chance for AINA to be held at Okinawa. We also would like to appreciate Ms. Yoshie Johnson, Okinawa Congre for excellent registration works.
We would like to express my special thanks to Mr. Yoshio Nakajima and students of Takizawa Laboratory, Tokyo Denki University for maintaining the web systems and helping us collect and review papers and organize AINA-2008.

Finally, we also would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the organization committee and program committee, as well as all of the authors who submitted papers and the reviewers who reviewed huge number of papers.

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