Message from Program Chairs

We are proud and honored to serve as Program Chairs of the IEEE Asia-Pacific Services Computing Conference (APSCC 2008), held in Yilan, Taiwan, from December 9-12, 2008.

We received a total of 397 submissions, showing by both quantity and quality that APSCC is a premier conference on Services Computing, demonstrating also that it is an important forum needed by researchers and industry practitioners to exchange information regarding advancements and practice of IT-driven business services and application services, as well as to define the future directions of Services Computing. In the first stage, all papers submitted were screened for their relevance and general submission requirements. These manuscripts then underwent a rigorous peer-review process with at least three reviewers per paper. At the end, 100 papers were accepted for presentation and included in the main proceedings, comprising a 25% acceptance rate. To encourage and promote the work presented at APSCC 2008, we are delighted to inform the authors that some of the papers will be accepted in special issues of IJWGS, JIT, IJISSS and SOCA. All of these journals have played a prominent role in promoting the development and use of services computing. We take this opportunity to thank all the authors, participants, session chairs and workshop organizers for their valuable efforts, many of whom traveled long distances to attend this conference and make their valuable contributions.

We are also indebted to the members of the Program Committee, who have put in hard work and long hours to review each paper in a professional way. Thanks to them all for their valuable time and effort in reviewing the papers. Without their help, this program would not be possible.

We appreciate the participation of the keynote and invited speakers, Professor Philip S. Yu, Professor Elisa Bertino, Professor Kwei-Jay Lin, Professor Jianhua Ma and Professor Odej Kao, whose speeches will greatly benefit the audience. We are deeply indebted to the General Chairs Han-Chieh Chao, National Ilan University (Taiwan), Jeffrey Tsai, University of Illinois at Chicago (USA), and Franck Cappello, INRIA (France) for this opportunity to work together. We also would like to express our sincere appreciation to Professor Rodrigo Fernandes de Mello for his devotion and efforts to compile the Proceedings. Special thanks go to Shih-Chang Chen, Tai-Lung Chen and Bo-Yu Chen for their help with the submission system and the detailed work, which facilitated the overall evaluation process.

Last but not least; we would like express our gratitude to all of the organizations that supported our efforts to bring the conference to fruition. We are grateful to IEEE CS for publishing the proceedings. Thanks also go to the entire local arrangement committee for their help in making the conference a wonderful success.

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