Message from the Program Co-Chairs

The program for APSEC '95 consists of three keynote addresses, 53 technical papers selected by the Program Committee from the 161 papers submitted, and three panel sessions.

The response to the call for papers was excellent and clearly demonstrates the healthy state of software engineering in the Asia-Pacific region. Papers were submitted from many countries throughout the region, with papers also submitted from Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Each paper was reviewed by at least three referees in each relevant field, with final selection based on originality, technical quality, presentation, and relevance to software engineering. Our greatest regret as program chairpersons, is that due to the lack of space and time, many excellent submitted papers could not be included in the conference. We wish to sincerely thank the many authors who submitted their work for consideration. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Program Committee, and other reviewers, for their extraordinary efforts in undertaking the reviewing of so many papers. The technical papers have been divided into 15 sessions with topics covering all of the important issues and directions of current concern to software engineers.

We are greatly indebted to the three Keynote Speakers, Dines Bjorner of the United Nations University in Macau; Motoshi Saeki of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, and Steven Muench, Principal Product Manager, Object Technology Development, Oracle Corporation, USA, for accepting our invitation to address this conference. The topics covered include software systems engineering; communication, collaboration and cooperation in software development; and, the accessibility of object technology for mainstream commercial development.

The three panel sessions cover topical and controversial issues such as paradigms for software process improvement; the relevance of formal methods; and the issue of whether or not software engineering can be considered “engineering.” We would like to sincerely thank the panel organisers and participants.

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