Foreword from the General Chair

Welcome to the 1997 Australian Software Engineering Conference. The primary objectives of ASWEC 97 are to give industry practitioners and researchers the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss experiences in developing and practising advanced software engineering methodologies and technologies; educators an opportunity to learn what industry needs for software engineers to be productive throughout their careers; researchers an opportunity to learn from industry what is needed to tune their research and development programs to better solve industry near and longer term problems.

ASWEC 97 also features a distinguished international list of three keynote speakers selected because of their work in applying advanced software engineering methodologies and technologies in industry.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted a research paper, experience report, panel, tutorial, or co-located event for their contribution to making ASWEC 97 an exciting and information laden success. Also, I wish to say that I greatly appreciate the long hours of effort contributed by the organising committee in managing the details of the programme, budget, publicity and other matters for ASWEC 97. Special thanks must go to the ACS NSW Branch Office (particularly Ms. Murielle Paviet-Fanolliet and Ms. Ailsa Russell) for their diligent attention to detail in managing local arrangements, publicity, and registration, amongst other things, for ASWEC 97. And most of all to you, the delegates attending the conference, and I hope, doing a lot of talking with your colleagues in the halls during breaks and over meals and drinks. This is all for you!

Lin Zacconi, ASWEC 97 General Chair