Foreword from the General Chair

Welcome to Canberra and to the 12th Australian Software Engineering Conference.

This conference is an opportunity for both researchers and practitioners to learn about the latest concepts emerging from software research labs, about innovative ways of solving real-life software problems, and about lessons learned in the process. ASWEC is being conducted immediately following the Software Engineering Australia Conference. To build the software engineering skills and resources needed for this millennium requires concerted action by the entire Australian software engineering community, its stakeholders and its supporters. The consecutive nature of the two conferences underlines the importance placed by the organising committee on the interaction between the academic community and industry.

Apart from a very exciting technical programme, we have three very interesting keynote speakers: Barry Boehm, Don Gotterbarn and Brian Henderson-Sellers. Barry will be speaking on Integrated SE Models, Don on Software Engineering Risk Management and Brian on OO Metrics.

I wish all delegates a rewarding and enjoyable time, sharing experiences and participating in an open exchange of ideas.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of both the Organising Committee and the ACS and the ITEE Society for their effort and support in making ASWEC 2000 a reality.

Graham Low, ASWEC 2000 General Chair