Welcome to the 15th Australian Software Engineering Conference.

Software engineering and its sub-disciplines are recognized branches of engineering and are considered essential disciplines in many organisations undertaking development of software intensive systems. At the same time there are still many challenges in software engineering for researchers and practitioners alike. The conference is an excellent opportunity for practitioners and researchers to come together, learn about the latest research and issues and to exchange ideas.

There are many people to thank in organising a conference such as this. All have put in many hours of hard work to make ASWEC’04 a reality.

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I wish all of the delegates an enjoyable and rewarding stay in Melbourne.

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