ASWEC 2013

Message from the General Chair

After an interruption to allow for an Australian venue for APSEC, 2013 sees the 22nd ASWEC, held at Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus. For the first time, the 'A' in the conference stands for 'Australasian' to better reflect the close collaborations between Australia, New Zealand, and other countries in the Asia/Pacific region in the area of Software Engineering.

As in the past, the conference program consists of a mix of research, industry-focused and keynote presentations. To the best of my knowledge, ASWEC 2013 will for the first time have a dedicated industry day in order to better enable networking opportunities for researchers and practitioners alike.

Additionally, ASWEC 2013 will hold a doctoral symposium providing Ph.D. students with the opportunity to present and discuss their research with their peers and get feedback from experienced researchers in the Software Engineering community. In my role as General Chair, I think that it is critical that the Software Engineering community in this country takes a strong interest in the next generation and provides it with the necessary support and guidance for success. Hopefully further such dedicated events can be organized in the future.

It is important to note that a conference such as ASWEC would never take place without the efforts of many volunteers. Hence many thanks go to all members of the Organizing Committee for their commitments towards the conference, the members of the various programme committees for selecting the papers to be presented during the conference, and to all the other volunteers that assisted in organizing this event. All of them committed a significant amount of time on top of their regular jobs - thank you all!

ASWEC operates under the auspices of the Joint Board on Software Engineering, a venture of the Australian Computer Society (ACS) and Engineers Australia (EA). The Organizing Committee would like to thank these two organizations for their ongoing support of the conference and their strong support for Software Engineering in Australia.

Last but definitely not least, a thank you goes to all sponsors of this conference. We very much appreciate the generous support given by all sponsors, especially in the current economic climate.

To all delegates, especially the ones from interstate and overseas, thank you for participating in the conference and I wish you the very best for stay in Melbourne.

Jean-Guy Schneider

ASWEC 2013 General Chair