Message from the General Chairs

It is our great honour to welcome you all to ASWEC 2014, the 23rd Australasian Software Engineering Conference.

ASWEC has a long history as a distinctive community in Australia and New Zealand which brings together academic researchers and practitioners from industry and government, to consider issues related to software engineering. Our goal in this instance of ASWEC is to build on that heritage and expand the scope of software engineering research as we believe more interaction with other communities will benefit the research going forward. The Call for Papers explain that "We are particularly seeking contributions that help redefine the future scope of software engineering from both the traditional software engineering community and other fields." We hope that you find much in the program of material we offer, to assist in this goal.

The ASWEC 2014 Program includes research papers, industry/government papers, panels, invited talks, a day devoted to issues around educating software engineers, a doctoral symposium, and some fun social events. A distinctive feature of ASWEC this year is being co-located with WICSA (the Working IEEE/IFIP Conference on Software Architecture), which brings us into contact with leading international figures in this important sub-discipline.

We can't say enough to show how much has been contributed by the other members of the Organizing Committee, comprising Jim Steel and Liming Zhu (research program co-chairs), Asif Gill and Bill Simpson-Young (industry program co-chairs), Nick Falkner (education program chair), Didar Zowghi (doctoral symposium chair), Julian Jang-Jaccard (treasurer), Surya Nepal (sponsorship chair), Taso Viglas and David Pearce (publicity co-chairs), Chadi Aoun and Helen Paik (local arrangements chairs). Judy Bamberger and Peter Hitchener provided crucial feedback and guidance. We are very grateful for the expertise and assistance from Mirerva Holmes and Robyn Boak of Engineers Australia, who provided the organisational support for the committee and the conference management. Jocelyn Armerego and the ASWEC Steering Committee entrusted the next steps of ASWEC history to us, and their support has been wonderful throughout.

We welcome all participants to Sydney, and wish you an experience that is exhilarating and insight-generating.

Alan Fekete & Fethi Rabhi
ASWEC 2014 General Co-Chairs