Preface

AUIC is a technology-focused forum for user interface researchers and practitioners from Australia and New Zealand, and throughout the world. The conference provides an opportunity for workers in the areas of HCI and CSCW to meet with colleagues and with others in the broader computer science community. AUIC 2001 continues the successful (but still short) series of user interface conferences run as part of Australasian Computer Science Week.

Building on the success of last year, AUIC 2001 attracted contributions from across the globe and from a diverse range of fields. The full manuscript for each submission was reviewed by at least 3 members of the Program Committee, which comprised user interface experts and practitioners from throughout the Australasian region. Each paper was reviewed for significance, originality, presentation, and relevance. Of the 24 papers submitted for consideration, the Program Committee accepted 17 for publication. This process satisfies the requirements for the Australian Government DETYA publication category E1—full written, peer-reviewed conference paper.

If you’re a delegate at AUIC, welcome! Please make the most of the opportunity to meet with your colleagues, both new and old, to discuss current work or plan future collaborations. If you’re reading these proceedings at a different time or place, read on! We’re sure you’ll find plenty to stimulate your thinking and suggest profitable avenues for future exploration. In either case, please accept our invitation to submit your work to a future AUIC.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making the conference the success we believe it will be. Thanks to the ACSW organizing committee, chaired by Prof. Gopal Gupta and Mr. Greg Cranitch. Thanks to the hard-working members of the Program Committee and their colleagues, who delivered high-quality reports on time; these proceedings represent the result of that effort. Thanks to our home institutions, Flinders University and Bond University, who understood when AUIC demands took priority over our “real” work. Thanks to the authors, both successful and unsuccessful, for their past, present, and future efforts on behalf of our discipline. And finally, thanks to you, the delegates, without whom there would be no conference!

Paul Calder and Michael Rees
AUIC 2001 Program Co-Chairs