

# **BROADNETS 2009 - Message from the General Co-Chairs**

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Madrid for the Sixth International Conference on Broadband Communications, Networks and Systems (BROADNETS 2009). BROADNETS covers the entire gamut of technical topics in next generation networks, communications systems, applications and services.

BROADNETS 2009 includes many attractive features such as two keynotes, several invited papers/talks, a high quality technical program (with papers in three tracks: Optical, Wireless and Internet), and two workshops (WOBS and FADS). BROADNETS 2009 is sponsored by ICST with technical co-sponsorship by Create-Net and IEEE Photonics Society. We thank NEC Corporation for sponsoring the best paper award in the Wireless track.

We thank all of the organizing committee members for their active support and dedication to various aspects of this year's event. In particular, we thank the TPC Co-Chairs (Arunita Jaekel, Kyriakos Vlachos, Biplab Sikdar, Yan Zhang, Aaron Striegel, Pascale Primet) for their efforts in carrying out a thorough review process and selecting high-quality papers in their respective tracks. We thank Loukas Lazos, the web chair for maintaining the excellent website for the conference (<http://broadnets.org>). We thank Franco Callegati and the organizers of the two workshops for all of their efforts. We thank Jorge Lopez de Vergara for his efforts in local arrangements. We are also grateful to Maria Morozova (ICST), the conference coordination chair for support during the entire conference organization process, Eszter Hajdu (ICST), who was helpful with all the electronic aspects of the camera-ready submission process, and Diana Dobak (ICST) for venue arrangement. We thank the BROADNETS Steering Committee, particularly, Imrich Chlamtac (Chair) and Krishna Sivalingam, whose support throughout the conference planning and organization process was instrumental to the success of this event.

We thank Prof. Ioannis Tomkos and Juan Pedro Fernández-Palacios Giménez for agreeing to deliver keynote addresses.

Lastly, we thank all the authors and attendees for their continued support and participation in BROADNETS conferences. We hope you will enjoy the excellent conference program as well as the many attractions in the historic and exciting city of Madrid.

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