



**In memory of Yahiko Kambayashi
(February 15, 1943 - February 6, 2004)**

It is with great sorrow that we inform the sad news of the sudden and untimely passing of Professor Yahiko Kambayashi, the General Chair of this conference.

Dr. Yahiko Kambayashi, Professor and Dean of Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University, was an IEEE Fellow, a vice-chair of ACM Tokyo/Japan Chapter, a trustee of the VLDB Endowment, the president of Information and Systems Society, IEICE and a winner of the 1995 ACM SIGMOD Contribution Award. Professor Kambayashi is one of the pioneers of database research as well as the leaders of the international database research community. He energetically started and promoted the ALAN-K Project (Advanced Learning Network in Kyoto Project), which formed a novel community consisted by public officers, teachers, researchers, developers, children and university students, and performed powerful activities for holding many significant workshops and conferences, including the C5. His sudden leave is not only a tragic loss to his family but also a tremendous loss to those who owed to his great leadership.

Professor Kambayashi gave his great efforts to organize this conference, and led it to great success. Together with all the authors, we like to use this place to express our heartfelt condolence and our deepest sympathy to his family.

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