On behalf of the program committee it gives me great pleasure to present the program and these proceedings for the 1st ACM/IEEE Symposium on Cluster Computing and the Grid (CCGrid 2001), held during 15-18th May 2001 in Brisbane, Australia. The symposium series has got off to an excellent start with a very strong program for the inaugural offering. We have papers on many important current and emerging topics ranging from message passing libraries through to grid testbeds. I wish to thank all authors of submitted papers for their hard work and ideas; it has been a difficult job selecting papers for inclusion in the proceedings.

I would like to thank the keynote speakers, invited presenters, industry speakers, and tutorial presenters for agreeing to present special sessions at the symposium. These sessions have greatly enhanced the program.

The symposium has a main stream and several workshops. Originally 11 workshops were planned; four of these were unviable, hence papers were absorbed into the main stream. The workshops were organised separately by the respective workshop chairs. My thanks go to these organisers for arranging such a strong and interesting set of workshops. The main symposium stream has eight sessions; there is some overlap with the workshops. A total of 126 papers were received for the main symposium and of these 48 papers were accepted for publication resulting in an acceptance rate of less than 40 percent. Each paper was peer reviewed by at least two reviewers, most by three or more; full papers were reviewed. The workshop papers were also peer reviewed and each paper had at least two reviews. A total of 37 papers were accepted for the workshops from 61 submissions — an acceptance rate of 61 percent.

I would like to thank the symposium PC for helping to organise the program. My thanks go also to the reviewers, particularly those who were given short notice to do some extra reviews.

This is a truly international symposium with contributions from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, USA, as well as throughout Australia.

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I am sure you will find CCGrid 2001 an interesting and exciting symposium.

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