Message from the CCGrid 2013 General Chair

On behalf of the organizing committee, welcome to the 13th IEEE/ACM Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing (CCGrid 2013), to Delft University of Technology, the oldest and largest university of technology in the Netherlands, and to Delft, a picturesque city rich in history and old Dutch architecture with strong ties to the Dutch royal family!

CCGrid 2013, which as always is sponsored by both the IEEE and the ACM, follows the tradition set by previous versions of the conference by providing a high-quality forum for presenting new research results on all aspects of the design, the implementation, the evaluation, and the use of clusters, grids, and clouds, along with an interesting set of workshops and tutorials, a doctoral symposium, a poster session, and the SCALE Challenge. Judging by the number of paper submissions, the field covered by CCGrid is very much alive and CCGrid has managed very well to adapt to the changing landscape of large-scale computing.

I have had the great fortune to work with an excellent team to make CCGrid 2013 a success. First and foremost, I thank the Program Committee Chair, Thomas Fahringer of the University of Innsbruck, Austria, for assembling an excellent program committee with nine great Program Committee Vice-Chairs, for expertly managing the paper reviewing and selection process, and for putting together a great conference program. I am happy to see that in order to improve the quality of the conference program, the acceptance rate has been brought down to 22%. I am also very grateful to Pavan Balaji of the Argonne National Laboratory, USA, who as the Submissions and Proceedings Chair did a great job in smoothening the whole paper management process for the conference.

CCGrid has always had a large number of additional components over the main conference, which greatly adds to its attractiveness. As tradition has it, the conference will start with a keynote by the winner of the IEEE Award for Excellence in Scalable Computing, sponsored by the IEEE Technical Committee on Scalable Computing (TCSC). I thank the Doctoral Symposium Co-Chairs, Ana Varbanescu and Yogesh Simmhan, who have spent much effort in organizing this symposium, which consists of two very interesting sessions, and which I think is a great component of the conference that provides a very learnful experience to the participating PhD students. Furthermore, I thank Rob van Nieuwpoort for his work in organizing the Poster Session, which consist of posters that are published as 2-page papers in the proceedings and of web-published posters that give conference attendees the opportunity to show their ongoing work. Thanks also to Alexandru Iosup and Douglas Thain for managing the SCALE Challenge, to the Workshops Co-Chairs, Shantenu Jha and Ioan Raicu, for putting together an excellent workshop program, and to the Tutorials Chair, Radu Prodan, for doing the same with the tutorials.
The help of the staff of Delft University of Technology, in particular of Esther van Rooijen and Stephen van der Laan with the local arrangements and with creating the conference website, respectively, was wonderful. In addition, I acknowledge the help of the Finance and Registration Chair, Alexandru Iosup, and of the Publicity Co-Chairs, Nazareno Andrade, Gabriel Antoniu, Bahman Javadi, Ioan Raicu, and Kin Choong Yow in disseminating the many calls related to the conference. I thank our sponsors, the IEEE and the ACM, and our supporters, the IEEE TCSC for sponsoring the IEEE Award for Excellence in Scalable Computing and the SCALE Challenge, NWO (the Dutch National Science Foundation) for providing financial support, and Delft University of Technology for providing the conference venue. Finally, I thank the General Chair of the previous CCGrid conference, Shikharesh Majumdar, and the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the CCGrid conference series, Rajkumar Buyya, for their advice along the way.

I hope that you will find the conference interesting and inspiring, and also that you will find some time to explore the picturesque city of Delft.

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