Letter from Program Co-chairs

We first want to thank the General Chair and the community for the opportunity to chair the program for the 15th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud, and Grid Computing (CCGrid 2015).

The quality of the final program is a tribute to the hard work of the 10 Vice Chair and more than 200 Program Committee Members. The process began with selection of 8 tracks that covered the technical areas specified in the call for papers. These areas reflect both historical CCGrid submissions and adjustments for current research trends. Vice Chairs representing each of these areas were selected from among top researchers worldwide. Vice Chairs were then asked to suggest a number of PC Members commensurate with the expected paper load in each area. Prior to inviting PC Members, the Program Chairs collated and cross-checked the proposed membership to limit individuals to a single track and balance overall diversity. The resulting list of PC Members represents over 20 countries with a balance of talented men and women from industry, academia, and national/international research laboratories.

There were 268 submissions to CCGrid 2015 that were fully reviewed by the program committee, the 3rd highest number of submissions ever. The Program Chairs opted to not submit to the conference this year to ensure the review process was open and fair. Vice Chairs of each track were permitted to submit but their papers were routed to other tracks to avoid conflicts. PC Members were asked to bid on papers and mark conflicts of interest in the EasyChair conference review system. We set a goal of 4 quality reviews per paper. We received an average of 3.9 reviews per paper and more than 95% of the submissions received 4 or more reviews.

After the reviews were complete, the Vice Chairs either made decision recommendations to the Program Chairs, or held on-line discussions with the reviewers first, and then made their recommendations. The Program Chairs then discussed the recommendations and made the final decisions. The decisions accepted 57 papers, and 11 more were accepted with shepherds. Of these 11 shepherded papers, all were accepted by the end of the revision process, leading to a total of 69 accepted paper, an acceptance rate of 25.7%.

We are grateful to all our Vice Chairs and PC Members for their commitment and the professional excellence that they demonstrated throughout the process of reviewing and selecting papers for the conference.

We hope that you enjoy the excellent conference program.

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