Chairs’ Message

Welcome to the IEEE Conference on E-Commerce Technology (CEC 2004). The conference, formerly known as WECWIS (IEEE International Workshop on E-Commerce and Web-Based Information Systems, 1999-2002), is now in its 6th year and is very well established. This year’s event is hosted in San Diego, together with the first International Conference on Web Services Computing (ICWS). As in the previous years, it serves as a forum for bringing together researchers from academia and industry to discuss the current state of the art in E-Commerce and Web technology.

The quality of this conference is a direct consequence of the outstanding papers that were received. The high refereeing standards of the past have ensured that submissions to CEC were of an excellent caliber. In total, 36 full papers out of 110 submissions were accepted. In addition, 20 submissions were selected for short paper presentations. The issues addressed in the selected submissions tackle a wide range of current research topics including e-commerce decision support, dynamic pricing, software architectures, service-oriented computing, business process integration, as well as security and privacy related to E-Commerce applications. CEC has proven to be an excellent catalyst for research and collaboration, and we fully expect that this year’s conference will continue this trend.

Many people have worked very hard to make the conference possible. We would like to thank all who have helped to make CEC 2004 a success. The Program Committee members and referees each deserve credit for the excellent final program that resulted from the diligent review of the submissions.

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