Message from the Cloud 2016 Program Committee Chairs

Welcome to CLOUD 2016! Since its inception, CLOUD has rapidly grown to become a top-ranked international forum for researchers and practitioners in the area of cloud computing. CLOUD brings together a diverse community to share ideas, present experimental results, and discuss experiences in building some of the world’s most challenging systems.

This year’s research track attracted many submissions from a tremendously diverse group of authors. Each paper was reviewed by three to five program committee members. After initial review and follow-up discussions, the program committee selected 54 articles (resulting in an acceptance rate of 15%) for presentation in the research track. A number of strong papers that didn’t seem appropriate for the research track were forwarded to other CLOUD tracks, where they were considered along with submissions sent directly to those tracks.

To further enhance the review quality, we as 2016 CLOUD PC Chairs have adopted an Area Chair instrument in the paper submission and review process. Ten focused areas are identified: Cloud as a Service; Cloud Infrastructure; Cloud Management and Operations; Cloud Security; Performance, Scalability, and Reliability; Systems Software and Hardware; Data Analytics in Cloud; Software Engineering Practice for Cloud; Cloud Applications; and Cloud Economics. Submitted papers are allocated to corresponding areas based on paper content. Area Chairs take charge of the paper assignment and review process, and make recommendations to PC Chairs. We thank our Area Chairs for their hard work: Howie Huang, Balaji Palanisamy, Heiko Ludwig, Gueyoung Jung, Ming Zhao, Catalin Meirosu, Daniel Gros, Ivona Brandic, Kui Ren, Florian Kirschbaum, Byungchul Tak, Ching-Hsien Hsu, Steve Crago, Tridib Mukherjee, Sameep Mehta, Keke Chen, Shannon Quinn, Brian Blake, Liqiang Wang, Eugen Feller, Kiran-Kumar, Upendra Sharma, Joao Eduardo Ferreira, Jorn Altmann, and Pengcheng Xiong. The research track comprises 17 sessions centered on the areas.

We sincerely appreciate all of the authors who submitted their work to the conference. The quality of submissions this year was extremely high, resulting in very difficult decision-making for paper acceptance, but in the end we feel gratified by the excellence of the final program. We are also very grateful to our members of the research-track program committee, and also to external reviewers who agreed to help. Their timely completion of the reviews and their active participation in discussions are the keys to a fair, thorough, and highly effective paper selection process. We also want to thank the CLOUD steering committee led by Liang-Jie Zhang, and our General Chairs Rong Chang, Ephraim Feig, Louise Moser, Carl Kesselman, and Jeffrey Tsai, and the CLOUD 2016 Organizing Committee for their help in putting together such an exciting program. Finally, we thank all of you who have come to the conference. We hope you find the conference both stimulating and enjoyable!

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