Message from the Conference General Co-Chairs

We extend a warm welcome to you all to Cluster 2001, the annual international cluster computing conference sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society’s Task Force on Cluster Computing (TFCC). The event this year is being held at the Sutton Place Hotel in the beautiful location of Newport Beach, California.

The organization of a conference, such as Cluster 2001, is an onerous task and could not be accomplished without the help of a dedicated group of enthusiastic and willing volunteers.

We would like to first express a special thanks to Thomas Sterling and Dan Katz for their efforts organizing and putting together the technical content of Cluster 2001, as well as adding their valuable comments at various stages during the events organization. As you will agree they have managed to put together a great technical program. In addition, they have tempted the leading practitioners in the field to the conference to report on their cluster-related research and development efforts. We are sure that you will agree with us that the Cluster 2001 program is very exciting and we look forward hearing about a whole range of new and emerging developments in the field.

A conference would not be successful without an active and motivated group of local volunteers. We would like to thank Nalini Venkatasubramanian (UCI) and Susan Powell (Caltech) for all their help with the local arrangements. In addition we would like to thank Sarah Emery Bunn for her great work with the conference Web site, Kathy Little (JPL) for the advertising and technical program graphics design, and also all the student volunteers for their help ensuring that the day-to-day needs of the conference, speakers and delegates have been smoothly dealt with. Our thanks also go to the publications co-chairs, Rajkumar Buyya (Monash) and Marcin Paprzycki (Oklahoma State), our financial chair, Timothy Pinkston (USC), and our tutorials chair, Ira Pramanick (Sun). Their help has been invaluable.

Another feature of conference organization that often gets ignored is commercial sponsorship, an aspect that provides the subsidies for the likes of meals, receptions, and conference registration. We would like to thank Rick Stevens (ANL), Kathya Zamora (JPL) and Ivan Judson (ANL) for all their efforts to obtain exhibit and corporate sponsorship. Here we must also say a big thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors for their contributions to Cluster 2001. It is evident that without their help we could not have provided such a rich experience for all the attendees.

We would also like to acknowledge the IEEE Computer Society. Without their sponsorship and assistance Cluster 2001 would not have happened. In particular we would personally like to thank Mary-Kate Rada, for her patient and helpful interactions with us during the whole of organizational planning and set up of the event. Also, we extend our thanks to Doris Albritton for help, especially with all matters related to delegate registration.

Obviously there are to many other volunteers to name individually, but without their help the conference would not have happened. Finally, we would like to thank all the delegates who attend the conference, as it is you that will make Cluster 2001 a success.
By the way, our next event, Cluster 2002, is being held in Chicago in September 2002 and is being hosted jointly by Argonne National Laboratory and NCSA. We hope very much to see you all again in Chicago next year.

Enjoy your visit to the USA, Los Angeles and Newport Beach!

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