Message from the Steering Committee Chair

Welcome to COMPSAC 2004, the 28th Annual International Computer Software and Applications Conference. We originally planned to hold last year’s conference (COMPAC 2003) in Hong Kong. However, due to the SARS epidemic, we decided to move it to the U.S. This year with the Mid-Autumn Festival underway and with more enthusiastic support from the Conference Committee under the leadership of General Chair Paul Cheung, Hong Kong is a more attractive location for holding the conference.

The technical program has the central theme, “Developing Trustworthy Software Systems,” which has become increasingly important in various applications of information technology. Because of rapid progress of research and development along with increasing demands on this emerging subject, many authors from all over the world submitted papers, fast abstracts and workshop proposals. These submissions were carefully evaluated by the Program Committee, resulting in a very strong, high-quality, and versatile technical program, while maintaining the tradition of broad and international participation. These accomplishments are primarily due to the dedicated effort of the Program Committee, under the leadership of Program Co-chairs Eric Wong and Karama Kanoun and the workshop organizers.

In addition, the conference includes various social activities. Since the first day of the conference is the Mid-Autumn Festival, our participants will experience the spectacular light and sound show in the evenings near the conference hotel.

The success of the conference requires the talent and dedication of many volunteers, staff and strong organizational support. Besides General Chair Paul Cheung, Program Co-Chairs Eric Wong and Karama Kanoun, I would like to thank the contributions of the Operations Committee Chair F. T. Chan, Publicity Chair Y. T. Yu, Registration Co-Chairs Dazhi Huang and W. K. Chan and all their committee members. I also would like to thank the Steering Committee members, especially T. H. Tse, to actively participate in the planning and implementation of the annual conference under the dynamic environment. Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the strong support from our sponsor IEEE Computer Society and its staff.

We hope you will find your participation in the conference productive and memorable.

Stephen S. Yau
Steering Committee Chair