Welcome to this new COMPSAC symposium on IT in Practice (ITiP), co-sponsored by IEEE CS IT Professional. It serves the interests and needs of IT practitioners, application developers, IT managers, and CXOs from business, industry, and government, as well as academics and researchers.

The symposium is an interactive forum for sharing and gaining valuable insights and experiences and for actively engaging with their peers from around the globe. It aims to inspire professionals, executives and researchers to focus on diverse elements necessary to successfully architect, design, engineer, configure and field a range of IT applications in several domains.

Following open Call for Papers, all the submissions received underwent a rigorous double blind review process and the reviews were discussed by the Program Committee at its meeting held in Shanghai in March 2015. Adhering to a thorough selection process, we accepted five regular papers and one short paper (acceptance rate: regular papers 38%; short papers 8.3%). We’re pleased to present all the six papers in this proceedings. These papers cover a spectrum of interesting topics of relevance: dealing with surges in the cloud, cloud service level agreement, social media intelligence applications in the cloud, delivery services using drones, desktops based on virtual active management technology, and ZigBee network for ecology observation. They will be presented and discussed in two sessions, cloud computing in practice, and applications of IT, at the ITiP symposium on 1st July 2015, in Taichung, Taiwan.

In addition, the Symposium will feature an invited talk by David Alan Grier, 2013 IEEE CS President, and a panel discussion on “IT in Practice.” Panelists are: John Walz, 2012 IEEE CS President (Chair); David Alan Grier; San Murugesan, BRITE Professional Services & Editor in Chief, IT Professional, Australia; a nominee from Institute of Information Industry, Taiwan; and ShuoPeng Liang, Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan.

We thank all the authors, presenters, reviewers and PC member for their valuable contribution and cooperation. We hope you find the Symposium informative and helpful.

Maria Lee, Program Chair, ITiP Symposium 2015
Steve Diamond, General Chair, ITiP Symposium 2015
San Murugesan, Steering Chair, ITiP Symposium
John Walz, and Sorel Reisman, Standing Chairs, ITiP Symposium