Preface

On behalf of the Program Committee of the Fourth International Conference on Cooperative Information Systems (CoopIS’99), we would like to welcome you to the conference. We have put together an exciting program reflecting the inter-disciplinary and international nature of the conference. The program consists of nine technical paper sessions, two invited talks, two panel discussions on hot topics in cooperative information systems, and one tutorial.

The program was put together with the help of 47 eminent members of the Program Committee, who participated in the technical evaluation of 86 submissions from all over the world. Of those, 29 were accepted for presentation at the Conference and are included in these Proceedings. Subsequently, we will recommend 5 of these papers for inclusion, after revision and review, in a special issue of the International Journal of Cooperative Information Systems (IJCIS).

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