Foreword

Welcome to CRIWG'2000, the 7th International Workshop on Groupware!

We are glad to host you here at IPSI, GMD's Integrated Publication and Information Systems Institute in Darmstadt, for the 7th edition of this international gathering of researchers on CSCW and Groupware.

The CRIWG workshops are rooted in the Ibero-American community of researchers, but have developed into a truly open and international forum for researchers working in CSCW, CSCL, and its applications. This is now reflected by holding CRIWG for the first time outside the Ibero-American world, yet again with strong Ibero-American participation.

To foster cultural exchange and to establish new contacts, we have built a rich scientific program augmented by several social activities, which will provide many opportunities for informal discussion. Thanks to the energy of Alejandro Fernandez, we established this year the first doctoral consortium at a CRIWG workshop.

The success of any conference or workshop depends on a number of people devoting their time and energy. Particularly, we would like to thank Jutta Fleschutz and Alejandro Fernandez for their excellent work in organizing the logistics of this event. Also, we owe many thanks to Marcos Borges and to our Programme Committee, who brought together a first-class program, and to all the other volunteers who made this event possible. Finally, we would like to thank GMD-IPSI for hosting and supporting us.

Enjoy!

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