We in Hungary are proud to be able to sponsor this year’s European Conference on Software Maintenance and Reengineering and we sincerely hope that all of the participants will retain positive memories of our capital city of Budapest. With this conference we want to emphasize the role of Hungary in the new united Europe as well as in the new world wide software technology community. The members of the conference technical committee have done a remarkable job in soliciting 57 contributions and selecting some 28 of them. In view of the many high quality papers submitted it was no easy task. In the end we have come up with a first rate technical program covering all topics related to what happens to software systems after it once goes into production. For this I want to thank my friend and colleague Professor Tibor Gyimóthy from the University of Szeged.

Our organizational committee has done an equally splendid job in organizing the conference so that participants will not only be exposed to the latest developments in software maintenance and reengineering, but will also be exposed to the Hungarian culture and hospitality. We have selected one of Hungary’s finest hotels in one of the most beautiful locations in Budapest. We are also offering a number of social activities, including a visit to the wine cellars, a Csardas evening and a trip to St. Gellert’s hill. We hope that our honorable guests will take the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating city in the heart of Europe, with it’s rich past and it’s emerging economy. For the organization of the conference special thanks are due to Mrs. Erika Nyáry of the Softing Kft.

Together with the industrial workshop and the case study session, this conference should provide a suitable platform for the exchange of ideas and information in this industrially relevant field of study. I hope that all participants will truly benefit from it.

Your Harry M. Sneed, General Chair