Message from the Program Chairs

The Database and Expert Systems Applications (DEXA) are thought of as a platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences and opinions among both the theoretical and practitioners — those who are defining requirements for the future systems in the areas of database and artificial technologies.

The number of papers submitted to DEXA (this year 240 papers were submitted to the DEXA conference) has seen a significant increase over the last few years. Accordingly, it was decided to extend the conference to five days. This was done the first time in London in 1995. This extension permitted a refocusing on theory and applications. The last three days of DEXA were designated as workshop sessions. The workshops work autonomously and have their own Program Committee. The chairs of the DEXA Workshop want to thank all the workshop leaders:

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