Message from the Program Chairs

The Database and Expert Systems Applications (DEXA) are thought as a platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and opinions among 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 has seen a significant increase over the last few years. Accordingly, it was decided to extend the conference to 5 days. It was done for the time six years ago in London. This extension permitted a refocusing on theory and applications. The DEXA workshops include papers that are primarily concerned with papers with very specialised topics on applications of database and expert systems technology and/or very specialised topics. I want to thank all workshop organisers for their excellent work.

It is the sixth time that DEXA workshop papers were published by IEEE society press. The cooperation with IEEE society press was a very good one, which we would like to continue in the next year. Special thanks to Danielle Young as the supervisor of the edition of the DEXA Workshop Proceedings 2001.

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- DEXA – Association
- Austrian Computer Society
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