Message from the General Chair

Welcome to Fort Worth and the 6th IEEE International Workshop on Distributed Simulation and Real-Time Applications (DS-RT 2002). We are pleased to continue our tradition of holding this workshop jointly with MASCOTS.

Fort Worth is a lively city with a laid-back atmosphere. The Fort Worth Stockyards are famous as an historical western (cowboy) downtown area. In addition, the Fort Worth cultural district has outstanding museums, including the famous Kimbell Art Museum.

This year has seen an increased number of papers submitted to DS-RT, reflecting the continuing importance of distributed simulation and the related fields of performance evaluation and real-time systems. The high quality of papers received shows that DS-RT has now matured into a leading conference in this research area, providing a forum in which academic researchers and practitioners in industry or defense can meet.

DS-RT has come a long way since the first workshop in January, 1997. For those interested in its history, the previous workshops in this series were held as follows:

- DiS-RT ’97, Eliat, Israel, January 9-10, 1997
- DiS-RT ‘98, Montreal, Canada, July 19-20,1998
- DiS-RT ’99, Greenbelt, Maryland, USA, October 22-23, 1999
- DS-RT 2000, San Francisco, California, USA, August 24-26, 2000

Our Program Co-Chairs, Katherine L. Morse and Mikel D. Petty, have arranged an exciting program this year, with Michael Zyda, Director of the MOVES Institute, and Annette Ratzenberger, U.S. Joint Forces Command, as our keynote speakers. Our sessions include papers on the High Level Architecture, Performance Evaluation, Simulation Architectures and Environments, as well as Real-Time Applications.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has contributed towards the success of this conference. In addition to our main sponsor, IEEE Computer Society, we would like to acknowledge support from ACM SIGSIM and the University of North Texas at Denton, particularly Dr. Warren Burggren, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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We hope you find the conference stimulating and enjoy your stay in Fort Worth!

Stephen J. Turner

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