Message from the General and Organizing Chairs

It has been an honour and a pleasure for us to take charge of the organisation of this SEEA/DSD Euromicro Conference edition which renews the long collaboration between the universities of Parma and Pavia. These two universities, dating back to the Middle Age, are among two the most ancient and prestigious Italian ones and are located in two industrial regions of the Northern Italy well related to the Conference tracks. While, in fact, the University of Pavia features a good tradition in Computer Science for Multimedia and Software Engineering applications, the University of Parma is strongly connected to the local industrial reality where automation and electronic design are often mandatory requirements.

Moreover, the choice of Parma as the Conference venue suits very well with the European vocation of the city famous for the quality of its foods and related industries, such as to deserve the title of “Food Valley”.

If this vocation takes origin from the history of the city, always related to the most important European nations, it culminates in the recent assignment of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) Agency, the keystone of European Union (EU) risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. Finally, the city can be considered cradle of an international language like music since it is the land of Verdi, Toscanini and Pizzetti, and of several celebrated opera singers.

With these premises we considered a big chance (and challenge) for us and for the city, the opportunity of providing an international forum into which researchers coming from several countries can exchange their scientific experiences, build the ground for useful collaborations and also strengthen their friendship.

We thank the Euromicro society and all the SEEA and DSD Committees for this opportunity.

We hope that the participants will enjoy the wonderful structures of the University Campus into which the Conference will be held, but also the cuisine and the art; invaluable characteristics of the “parmesan” culture.

We want to thank all the public agencies which helped us in the realisation of this event: the Town Council, the Provincial Administration, and the sponsors Banca del Monte di Parma, Altera, Symbolic.

And finally we want to thank the authors to which our best efforts were directed, hoping that the impressions they will feel in these days in Parma will suggest them to return in the future in our city, perhaps with their families.

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