Message from the Conference Coordinator

I would like to join the other members of the Conference Organizing Committee in welcoming you to the 2006 International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks, the leading international conference on dependability. As society becomes ever more dependent on computer systems and the consequences of failures become more severe, the topics being considered at the conference continue to become more relevant and important.

As Conference Coordinator, my primary responsibility is for the overall technical program of the conference, coordinating the activities of those responsible for the Dependable Computing and Communication Symposium, the Performance and Dependability Symposium, the student forum, the workshops, the industry sessions, and fast abstracts. Most of the hard work is done by the individuals responsible for those areas, so I would like to thank the individuals responsible for those parts of the technical program: Lorenzo Alvisi, Aad Van Moorsel, Chrisof Fetzer, Neeraj Suri, Lisa Spainhower, and Saurabh Bagchi, as well as those organizing the individual workshops. I would especially like to thank Lorenzo and Aad, who had very large tasks as the two PC chairs, in handling paper submission, reviewing (including the nagging of reviewers where required), and management of the PC meetings. They have each made a very large contribution to the fine quality of the technical program.

I am sure everyone attending the conference will find much of value and interest. It is a major challenge to assemble all the components of the program in a way that minimizes conflict. My apologies to those who find two (or three) concurrent sessions that are of interest. I have attempted to keep such situations to a minimum, but with so much fine material to assemble into a four-track program, some conflicts are inevitable.

Thank you for choosing to attend the conference. I hope you find the technical program and all other aspects of the conference useful and that you enjoy your stay in Philadelphia.

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