Message from the Tutorials Chair

Tutorials are an important part of the DSN program. They provide an opportunity for attendees to acquire a basic understanding of, and familiarity with, several state of the art topics related to the dependability, security and resilience of systems and networks. Tutorial proposals providing guidance on how technology can be applied successfully in practical systems were particularly encouraged.

This year, nine tutorial proposals were submitted. From these, five tutorials were selected using a two-phase procedure. In the first phase, all proposals were carefully evaluated by a scientific panel composed of Anish Arora, Danny Dolev, Shivakant Mishra, Michel Raynal, Neil Speirs and myself. The panel prepared a recommendation that was discussed, in a second phase, by the DSN steering committee in cooperation with the DSN organizers. The final selection considered many different issues such as, but not limited to, the relevance to the DSN attendees of the subject addressed, the quality of the tutorial structure, the merit and qualification of the speakers, but also practical aspects such as logistic constraints.

Due to the high quality of the submissions received, DSN 2007 is able to offer an excellent set of tutorials on very timely and relevant topics. On behalf of the tutorial scientific panel, I wish to thank all of the authors that submitted proposals and made it possible to assemble such a strong tutorial program. I would also like to thank the members of the scientific panel for their insightful contribution to the selection process. Finally, I would like to thank the DSN 2007 organization, and in particular Tom Anderson and Mohamed Kaaniche, for all the support provided to our panel.

Scientific Panel

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List of Selected Tutorials

Tutorial 1 Surviving Large Scale Failures in the Internet. K. Kant, Intel Corp.
Tutorial 2 Model-Based Engineering of Dependable Systems with AADL. D. Gluch, SEI/Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. and B. Lewis, Army AMCOM SED.
Tutorial 3 Dependable E-Voting Systems. P. Ryan, Newcastle U.
Tutorial 5 Robustness Patterns: coping with software bugs at run-time. P. Felber, U. of Neuchatel and C. Fetzer, Dresden U.