Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to Brisbane and to the Sixth IEEE International Conference on e-Science. This year the conference returns to Australia for the first time since the inaugural event in Melbourne in 2005, having established itself as the premier meeting in computational science. This year's programme offers a compelling mix of applications and the technologies which enable them. It seems timely, at the end of the first decade of the new century, to note the growing breadth and sophistication of this work and its impact across traditional disciplinary boundaries.

This diversity of experience and problem domain is also reflected in the outstanding keynote programme assembled for the conference, which features six speakers from the technological and application sciences, and in the range of workshops and tutorials on offer to attendees.

A conference of this nature cannot take place without the dedication and support of many people and organisations. We would like to thank the IEEE for endorsing and underwriting the conference, and our own institution, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), for supporting eScience 2010 from the outset. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the ongoing encouragement of a number of senior leaders at the university. At the time of writing, we had confirmed Silver Sponsorship from (in chronological order) SGI, Microsoft Research (Redmond), Monash University, Red Hat Asia Pacific, Griffith University and the Queensland Cyber Infrastructure Foundation. These contributions have greatly assisted the conference and we would like to express our gratitude to the people involved and the organisations they represent.

Our organising committee of Jinglan Zhang, Andrew Lewis, David Abramson, Richi Nayak, Yue Xu and the myriad of student and other volunteers and supporters have done a great job in bringing the event together. We should also thank Jason Thomas and his team from QUT Commercial Services for their work in handling many of the administration headaches which are part and parcel of a conference of this nature.

Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank all of you who have made it to Brisbane for eScience 2010. We hope that you find the conference to be an exciting and enjoyable experience, and that you get to see some of our city while you are here.

Once again, welcome to eScience.

James Hogan
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eScience 2010 General Chairs