Message from the Committee Chairs

From its origins as the Enterprise Distributed Object Computing Conference, EDOC has continued to evolve and mature to encompass the totality of distributed enterprise computing; and, thus, the loss of definition for the acronym and our current emphasis on “The Enterprise Computing Conference”.

The conference has become even more relevant and significant as a forum for researchers, policy makers, architects and practitioners from academia, industry and government to discuss enterprise computing challenges, models and solutions. The emergence of the networked enterprise has had a profound effect on enterprise computing. Web Services (WS) and Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) are combining to turn the network into a practical application platform, providing the infrastructure to enable higher levels of integration and interoperability. This emerging network-centric paradigm has significant implications for enterprises, vendors, and the market in general. This change in emphasis is clearly reflected in this year’s conference program.

For the first time, this year’s EDOC program includes short paper sessions allowing us to expand the program and include these extended abstracts in the conference. In total, the proceedings include 35 full-length research and experience papers in addition to 23 extended abstracts accepted specifically for the short paper sessions. All submissions were reviewed by at least three members of the program committee, more often by four or more. A number of high quality papers had to be rejected due to limitations of the three-day conference, but were recommended to the workshops associated with EDOC and will find publication in those proceedings.

Finally, we would like to thank all authors who submitted their papers to EDOC 2006 and all reviewers who contributed their time and expertise to the selection of the submitted papers. Our special thanks also to Thomas Preuss for supporting the ConfMan paper submission and reviewing system and to Bob Werner from the IEEE Computer Society Press for the production of these proceedings—the ultimate reflection of the outstanding efforts by all who participated in making EDOC 2006 a success.

We hope you will enjoy Hong Kong and EDOC 2006, “The Enterprise Computing Conference”.

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