Message from the ETCS2009 Workshop Chairs

It may be said that education and computer science are the most attractive fields in the modern society. During the past decades there have been tremendous advances in these fields. Computers have made great influence on education. Their unrelenting convergence that have brought us significantly closer to the realization of the long-envisioned dream of an information and civilized society in which anyone can access the cumulative knowledge of the mankind inexpensively from anywhere at any time, namely that of a ubiquitous information age. The First International Workshop on Education Technology and Computer Science (ETCS 2009) will gather researchers from academia and industry, who are interested in the emergent field of computer science and education technology. We are publishing papers that present recent results, as well as more speculative presentations that discuss research challenges, define new applications, and propose methodologies for evaluating and the roadmap for achieving the vision of information processing and advancement of education technology.

Welcome to ETCS 2009. Welcome to Wuhan, China. ETCS 2009 is sponsored by Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Harbin Institute of Technology, co-sponsored by Huazhong Normal University, and Wuhan University, supported by IEEE Harbin Section and IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technology. Much work went into preparing a program of high quality. We received 2700 papers, every paper was reviewed by three program committee members, 780 papers were selected as regular papers, representing a 29 percent acceptance rate for regular papers.

The motivations of this conference are clearly devoted to promote the combing research of education and computer science and propel them forward. Further, we hope it can bring together researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, and government to exchange their research ideas and results and to discuss the state of the art in the areas of the symposium. In addition, the participants of the workshop will have a chance to hear from renowned keynote speakers.

We would like to takes this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who have contributed to this conference, including authors, plenary talkers, the reviewers, the special sessions’ organizer, the members of all committees and sponsors. We hope that ETCS 2009 will be successful and enjoyable to all participants.

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We wish each of you successful deliberations, stimulating discussions, new friendships and all enjoyment that Wuhan, China can offer. While this is a truly remarkable Workshop, there is more yet to come. We look forward to seeing all of you next year at the ETCS 2010.

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