Message from the General Chair

Welcome to the joint venture of the 28th EUROMICRO Conference and the 2002 EUROMICRO Symposium on Digital Systems Design (DSD2002) which will be held in Dortmund/Germany this year.

The idea behind is that the 3 Conference tracks and the 2 DSD tracks while covering a wide area of innovative developments in a variety of key computer disciplines they should allow for a paramount yet technically deep insight of leading edge achievements which, intentionally or not, are interrelated in the pursuit of academic or industrial project efforts.

In order to stimulate a synergetic effect across tracks the program was designed in such a way that the numerous keynote talks are held in all early morning and early afternoon slots, with no parallel activity scheduled. In this manner everybody has a chance to dive into themes and discussions of broad common interest while meeting the whole community. In this respect we certainly appreciate the flexible and constructive cooperation with the program organizers of the Conference and DSD: Prof. Milagros Fernandez and Prof. Martyn Edwards. Our thanks are also extended to the EUROMICRO track chairs: Prof. Ivica Crnkovic, Prof. Paul Grünbacher, Prof. Thomas Plagemann, and Dr. Carsten Griwodz.

The event has been organized on campus of the University of Dortmund, with very substantial and organizational support from the School of Computer Science, the biggest such institution in Germany. Special thanks are due to student and clerical support, but in particular to Arnim Wedig and Dr. Norbert Jesse.

The City of Dortmund has generously sponsored the conference, especially supporting the acquisition of leading experts from across the world as keynote speakers as much as providing the basis for a Best Paper award and a Best Student Paper award.

Dortmund is the east cornerstone of the Ruhr District, formerly the biggest heavy industry area (at least) in Europe. Over the past decades, however, the city has changed into a sprawling IT center, the largest of its kind in Germany. We are happy to invite you all to experience, during your stay, the novel and exciting business and cultural atmosphere of this town and the wider area of the Ruhr District.

Horst F. Wedde and Bernd Reusch
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