Message from the Workshop Chair

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 9th International Workshop on Future Trends of Distributed Computing Systems, FTDCS 2003. This year the University of Puerto Rico is celebrating the first 100 years of its existence. We have conceived this Workshop as an important part of this celebration. The workshop organizers, the University of Puerto Rico, the College of Natural Sciences and the Department of Computer Science, have all been very eagerly looking forward to this event. We want to make this Workshop a memorable and fruitful event.

We are making history with the development of globally and locally available computing infrastructure. It is people like you and workshops like FTDCS that make this global miracle happen. In these three days you will have many opportunities to network with one another in a pleasant atmosphere. In meetings like this, new ideas are kindled and old ideas mature. I hope that each of us has this experience; that at the end of this meeting we are all academically richer than we were at the beginning.

Life is not possible any more without distributed computing. Can you imagine what would happen if tonight all transportation systems would disappear from the planet Earth? I think we would have a similar problem if distributed computing would cease to exist. Thanks to people like you and workshops like this one it will not happen, but will continue to grow and improve on a daily basis.

I thank you, all who made this workshop happen and once again, welcome to Puerto Rico, the Island of Enchantment, and enjoy your Workshop.

Herman Acuña
Workshop Chair