Message from the iThings 2012 Program Co-chairs

One behalf of everybody that worked on the iThings2012 program, we are pleased to welcome you to the IEEE International Conference on the Internet of Things (iThings 2012) held in Besançon, France. iThings has established itself as a highly reputed conference in the area of the Internet of Things. This year, the three-day program includes invited keynote talks, the main conference, a work in progress session to encourage discussion in on-going research, as well as four accompanying workshops. Five distinguished keynote speakers, Yen-Kuang Chen (Intel Corporation, National Taiwan University), Dejan Kostic (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Huadong Ma (Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications), Peter Marwedel (TU Dortmund) and Pierre Paradinas (CNAM, France), share with us their perspectives on specific aspects and state of the Internet of the things.

This edition also consists of 46 papers selected from a large number of submissions. We wish to thank the authors for their support in submitting their innovative work, both accepted and otherwise. iThings 2012 is also a result of collegial teamwork from many individuals, who worked tirelessly. We especially acknowledge the effort carried by the Program Vice-Chairs, Cosimo Anglano (Univ. del Piemonte Orientale, Italy), Sasitharan Balasubramaniam (WIT, Ireland), Albert Cabellos-Aparicio, (Univ. Poli. de Catalunya, Spain), Eugen Dedu (Univ. of Franche-Comté, France), Lu Liu (Univ. of Derby, UK), Nathalie Mitton (INRIA, France), Etienne Rivière (University of Neuchatel, Switzerland), and Zheng Yan (XiDian Univ., China / Aalto Univ., Finland), which make this program successful. Vice chairs headed the 8 topic-based tracks, they formed the program committees, tackle the reviewing process and greatly participated to the paper selection for the conference program discussing with reputed experts of their track fields. We would like to extend our thanks to the members of the program committee and to the external reviewers relied upon PC members. In addition, we would like to thank the publicity chairs Javier Baliosian (Univ. of the Republic of Uruguay, Uruguay), Ruijun He (CRC Press and Taylor & Francis, China), Jianxin Li (Beihang Univ., China), Enrico Natalizio (INRIA, France) for their long effort in advertising the conference and attracting the submissions.

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We sincerely hope that you will find iThings 2012 to be a stimulating and enriching experience in the field of the Internet of Things.

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